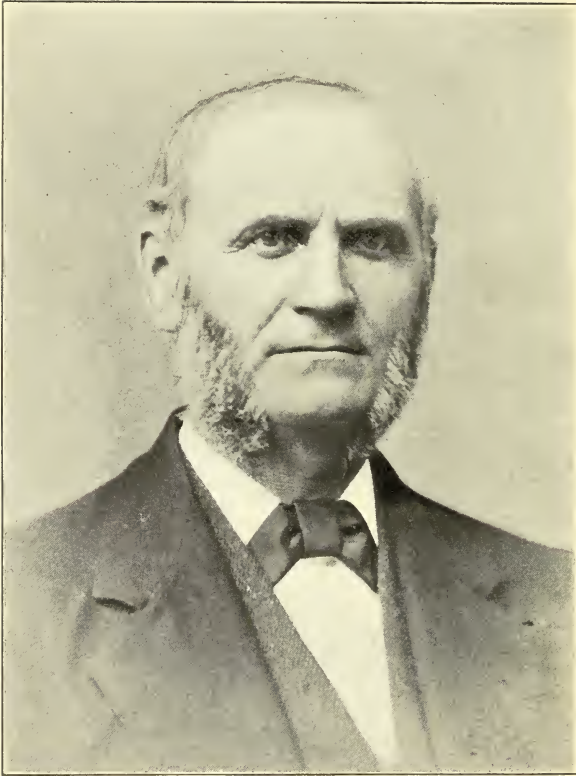




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RECORDS OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
IN TOPSFIELD.

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The records of the Congregational Church in Topsfield begin with the ordination of Rev. Joseph Capen in 1684. Undoubtedly his predecessors, Rev. Thomas Gilbert and Rev. Jeremiah Hobart, kept some record of the church proceedings during their pastorates, but it has not come down to us. The unpleasant feelings existing between pastor and people at the times of their dismissal probably resulted in the destruction of any memoranda that these two ministers may have kept. The following pages contain the church proceedings, the names of those admitted to the church, and those who owned the covenant. The baptisms, marriages, and deaths have not been included, as they were preserved in the Vital Records of Topsfield to the end of the year 1849, published in Topsfield Historical Collections, Vol. IX.

On the front cover of the volume of records kept by Rev. Joseph Capen is written the following:

"Records of those y^t were admitted into full Communion of Baptisms, Marriages, &c. that were kept by y^e Rev. M Joseph Capen Pastor of y^e chh: of X in Topsfield."

Then follow eleven lines in shorthand.

Upon the back cover of the volume is written :

“Joseph Capen His Book, Ex Dono Reverendissimi Magistri Josiah Flint,* 30 Aug: An Dom. 1679.

“When Moses upon serious consideration with himself—when he had cast up ye account in his mind & found yt ye reward of his obed. & service of God would fare surmount all yt he should get by tarrying in Egypt; this motive made him take a Journey to visit his Brethren, &c.”

1684. A List of y^e members in full communion at Topsfield when was first ordained.

MALES.

Francis Peabody
 John Reddington
 Abraham Reddington Senr
 Joseph Bixby Senr
 John Gould Senr
 Thomas Baker
 Thomas Perkins Deacon
 died May 7th 86
 John Pabody
 Thomas Dorman
 Ephraim Dorman
 Samuel Howlett
 William Howlett
 Isaak Cumins
 John French
 Isaak Estie
 James How Senr
 Samuell Perley
 Nehemiah Abbot
 John Cummins, Decem 7, 85
 was dismissed to ye church
 at Dunstable.
 Robert Stiles dead
 Thomas Perkins Junr
 Daniel Hovey.

FEMALES.

Deacon Perkins wife
 Lieftenant Goulds wife
 Tho Dormans wife
 Isaak Esties wife
 Jacob Towns wife
 Joseph Towns wife
 Widdow Mary Towne
 Ephraim Dormans wife
 John Wilds his wife
 James How Sen. wife
 Michael Dunnels wife
 John Nichols wife
 Daniell Bormans wife
 Isaak Cummins wife
 William Howletts wife
 Abraham Reddingtons wife
 Joseph Bixbys wife
 John Pabodys wife
 Samuell Simons his wife
 Robart Smiths wife
 William Smiths wife
 Widdow Andrews.
 Nehemiah Abbots wife
 Widdow Perley
 William Watson his wife
 John French his wife.
 drowned herself May
 13, 1701.
 John Cummins his wife.

*Rev. Josiah Flint, pastor of the church in Dorchester, where Mr. Capen lived.

Since my ordination were admitted
yt is of males.

Daniell Reddington.
Tobijah Perkins
Jacob Foster Junr
William Avery Junr
William Pabody
John How
Ephraim Curtise
Sergeant Jacob Towne,
Timothy Perkins
Daniell Wood
Daniell Clarke Senr (dead)
Samuel Simons
Thomas Hassen,
John Stiles
Mr William Perkins
Samuell Stanley
Abraham How
Benjamin Foster (dead)
John Estie
Thomas Reddington
Phillip Knight
Abraham Reddington
John Gould Junr
John Perley sen.
John Wiles sen.
John French Jun.
Zacheus Curtis
Joseph Hail
John Kenney
Luke Hovey
Isaac Estey
52 John Andrews
53 Joseph Andrews,
54 Jacob Smith,
55 John Cummins
56 Jonathan Bixby,
57 Isaac Burton,
58 Joseph Esty,
59 Daniell Clarke
60 Thomas Robinson,
61 Joseph Pebody, Jun.
62 Zacheus Gould,
63 Samuel Foster,
64 Amos Dorman,

Since my ordination were admitted
of females.

27 Benjamin Bixbys Wife,
28 Tobijah Perkins his Wife,
29 My own Wife,
30 Tho. Andrews his Wife
31 The Wife of Matthew Stanley
senr
32 The Wife of John Curtis
33 Martha Reddington,
34 Sarah Bishup,
35 ye Wife of Daniell Wood, Sarah
Wood,
36 ye Wife of John Towne, Mary
Towne,
37 ye wife of Samuell Howlett,
Sarah Howlett.
37 Deliverance ye wife of John
Stiles,
38 ye wife of Jacob Foster,
39 Martha Foster. May 6, 94 dis-
missed to Concord
40 Joanna Stanley ye wife of Sam-
uel Stanley,
41 Sarah Bixby ye wife of Joseph
Bixby,
42 ye wife of John Gould, Jun.
43 ye wife of John Ramsdell,
44 Elizabeth Stiles,
45 Hannah Perkins ye wife of Tim-
othy Perkins,
46 Hannah Pebody ye wife of Will-
iam Pebody,
47 Margaret Knight,
48 Edna Perkins ye wife of Mr T. P.
49 Lucy Wood ye wife of Nathaniel
Wood,
50 Sarah Andrews ye wife of John
Andrews,
51 Grace Endicot ye wife of Zeruba-
bel Endicot,
52 Widdow Mary Hale by dismis-
sion from Newbury,
53 Martha French,
54 Judith Dorman,
55 Dorothee Robinson ye wife of
John Robinson,
56 Mary Perley, sen.
57 Sarah Foster ye wife of William
Foster, Jun.
58 Mary Haill ye wife of Joseph
Hail,

- 65 Joseph Towne,
 66 Nehemiah Abbot
 67 Abraham Foster,
 68 John Robinson, sen.
 69 John Hovey, sen.
 70 Joseph Towne sen.
 71 William Chapman,
 72 Elisha Perkins
 73 Timothy Perley
 74 Benjamin Bixby, sen.
 75 Thomas Gould,
 76 Job How
 77 Thomas Howlett
 78 Thomas Perley
 79 Thomas Dorman
 80 Job Averil
 81 John Curtis
 82 John Nichols
 83 John Hovey
 84 Michael Dunnell Jun.
 85 Seth Dorman
 86 Timothy Perkins
 87 Samuel Smith
 88 Samuel Stanley
 89 Paul Averill
 90 Joseph Borman
 91 William Porter
 92 Ivory Hovey,
 93 Jesse Dorman,
 94 Joseph Towne,
 John Perkins,
 John Perley,
 Jacob Pebody
 John Howlet
 Joseph Gould
 John Curtis Sen.
 Daniell Perkins,
 Jacob Stanley,
 Caleb Foster,
 Tobijah Perkins Jun.
 Benjamin How,
 Jacob Towne, senr
 Thomas Curtis
 Abraham How,
 Isaac Cummins,
 Lieut Tho. Baker,
 Thomas Potter
 Ensig. Thomas Perkins,
- 59 ye wife of John Kenney,
 60 ye wife of Zacheus Curtis, Susanna Hovey,
 61 Abigail Esty,
 62 ye wife of Jacob Foster,
 63 Elizabeth Curtis wife of Ephr. Curtis,
 64 Widdow Sarah Gill,
 65 Susanna Cummins ye wife of John C.
 66 Sarah Bixby ye wife of Jonathan B.
 67 Hanah Foster,
 68 Ruth Simons,
 69 Rebecka Simons,
 70 Hannah Burton ye wife of J. B.
 71 Jane Esty, ye wife of J. E.
 72 Damaris Clark, ye wife of D. C.
 73 Hannah Robinson, ye wife of T. R.
 74 Widdow Cooper,
 75 Mary Pebody, wife of I. P. Jun.
 76 Elizabeth Gould, wife of Z. G.
 77 Eleanor Porter, ye wife of N. P.
 78 Mary Averill, ye wife of W. A.
 79 Constant Nichols, ye wife of J. N.
 80 Elizabeth French, ye wife of J. F.
 81 Dorothee Dorman, ye wife of A. D.
 82 Elizabeth Nichols,
 83 ye wife of Corp. Joseph Towne, Ruham [a].
 84 ye wife of Nehemiah Abbot, Remem [ber].
 85 Jane Perley, ye wife of John Perley,
 86 Phebe Towne, ye wife of Corp. J. []
 87 Sarah Bradstreet, ye wife of Mr John Bradstreet,
 88 Mary Wilds wife of Ephraim []
 89 Elizabeth Chapman wife of W. C.
 90 Priscilla Capen,
 91 Mary Capen,
 92 Elizabeth Reddington wife of []
 93 Katherine Perkins, wife of E. P.
 94 Deborah Perley, wife of T. P.
 95 Mercy Gould, wife of Tho. Gould,
 96 Elizabeth Perkins
 97 Mr Baker,

Edmond Towne
 Samuel Potter,
 Daniel Reddington
 John Gould Jun.
 John Abbot,
 Richard Towne,
 Mark How,

- 98 Widdow Averil
 99 Abigail Perley, wife of Thos. Per-
 [ley]
 100 Abigail Perkins, wife of Tim.
 Perkins
 101 Sarah How, wife of John How
 Jun.
 102 Rebecka Howlett, wife of Tho.
 H [owlett],
 103 Susannah Averil, wife of Job
 A[verill],
 104 Priscilla Curtis, wife of John
 Curt[is],
 105 Mary Waters, wife of Daniel,
 106 Sarah Pebody, wife of Isaac,
 107 Deborah Dorman, wife of Tho.
 108 Mary Hovey, wife of John,
 109 Judith Perkins,
 110 Hannah Esty,
 111 Bathsheba Howlett, wife of John
 112 Hannah Dunnell, wife of Mich
 [ael]
 113 Mary *sunl*, ye wife of Sam
 [uel]
 114 Sarah Averill, ye wife of Paul,
 115 Prudence Borman, wife of Jos
 Borm[an]
 116 Phoebe Porter,
 117 ye wife of Samuell Towne, E. T.
 118 ye wife of William Hobbes,
 119 Anne Hovey, wife of Ivory
 Hovey.
 120 Priscilla Howlett,
 121 Ruth Dorman, wife of Jesse
 122 Abigail Towne, wife of Joseph
 T.
 123 Elizabeth Perkins, wife of J.
 Perk[ins]
 Rebecka Pebody,
 Hepziba Curtis,
 Priscilla Gould,
 ye wife of Abraham Foster,
 Mary Bixby
 Widdow Abigail Towne,
 Mary Hovey, Love How,
 Margaret Reddington,
 Mary Foster wife of Caleb,
 Elizabeth Perkins wife of Tob. Jun.
 Joanna Hood wife of Nath. Hood,
 Alice How,
 Mary Foster wife of Daniell Foster,

Martha Killum wife of Tho. Killum,
 Joanna Potter,
 Ruth Towne,
 Phebe Curtis wife of Thos. Curtis,
 Hephzibah How,
 ye. wife of Nathanael Borman,
 Lydia Knowlton,
 Lydia French,
 Francis Cummins wife of Isaac Cum-
 mins,
 Susanna Porter wife of Tho. Porter,
 Phebe Gould wife of J. Gould Jun.
 Abigail Abbot wife of John Abbot,
 Elizabeth Towne wife of Richard
 Towne,
 Hannah Perley wife of Stephen Per-
 ley,
 Elizabeth Bradstreet wife of Mr. Si-
 mon B.
 Mary Abbot,
 Sarah Abbot
 Hephziba How wife of Mark How,
 Jemima Cummins,
 Mary Bixby wife of Joshua Bixby.

Septemb^r 3^d 84. at a Church meeting Called in Tops-
 field upon y^e Occasion of dissatisfaction in y^e Church with
 respect to M^r John [name erased] for his excessive drinking
 by reason whereof (untill he had made satisfaction) y^e
 Church was not willing for y^e baptizing of his children.

[name erased] did Then Confess y^t he had (for want of
 due care and watchfulness over himself) been several times
 overtaken with y^e fault of excessive drinking & y^t he did not
 allow but Condemn himself for y^e same & y^t he was sorry for
 y^e same & also y^t he would for time to Come endeavour Re-
 formation in y^t respect, whereupon it being put to y^e Vote y^e
 Chh. was satisfied & so willing y^t his children should be bap-
 tized on his own account. There were at y^t time present
 with my self, James How Sen^r, Francis Pabody, Nehemiah
 Abbot, Tho Dorman, Ephraim Dorman, Samuell Perley,
 Samuell Howlett, William Howlett, Isaak Estie Sen^r & Ser-
 geant John Reddington who were all satisfied with what
 satisfaction was then given unless Tho Dorman. That meet-
 ing I began & ended with a word of prayer.

Octob^r 12. 84: That Sabbath day was Admitted into y^e Church of Topsfield, y^e wife of Benjamin Bixby & y^e wife of M^r Tobijah Perkins, both of them with y^e Consent of y^e Church were Admitted into full Communion, no objection was made by any either of y^e Church or Town against either of their Relations or y^e good Life & Conversation of either of them. Their Relations were also well approved of by y^e two men which y^e Church had chosen who together with myself were in private to hear y^e Relations of persons coming into y^e Chh. The two men improved by y^e Church for y^t end at y^t time were Deacon Thomas Perkins & Lieftenant Francis Pabody. That same day Daniell Reddington was propounded to Joyn to y^e Church in full Communion.

December 7th 84. Daniell Reddington & M^r Tobijah Perkins were admitted into full Communion with y^e Church of Christ in Topsfield & there was no exception made against either of them by any.

Decem. 14, 84. by reason of a great storm of snow y^t but few of y^e Church Came together y^e sacrament was defferred untill y^e Sabbath day following.

Feb. 1, 1684. Jacob Foster was Admitted into full Communion w^h y^e Church of Topsfield & John How, Ephraim Curtise & y^e wife of Jonathan Luke which three stood propounded at y^e same time when Jacob Foster was were suspended for a time untill y^e Church could have farther satisfaction from them in several things y^t were alleged against them.

Feb. 3, 84. Neighbour Goodman Clarke & his son & daughter Perkins who had been for more than a years time at great difference were Reconciled upon my stirring of them up to seek peace of their father & mother & there was a mutual forgiveness of what ever had been offensive each to other & to avoide occasion of offense for the time to come was promised.

March 15th 1685. Jacob Towne Junior & his wife made a publick confession before y^e whole Congregation, for their sin in knowing each other carnaly before they were married Legaly, this confession & acknowledgment of theirs was to y^e satisfaction of y^e whole Church which was the[n] y^e most of them present only Abraham Reddington sen^r seem^d to be

unsatisfyd y^t y^e satisfaction of y^e Church wa[s] tryed by a silential vote.

At y^e same time y^e Church being stayed to know their minds with reference to y^e baptism of their childe which came several months before y^e time y^t in honesty it should, y^e Church was generally so satisfyd y^t they were free for it, only Abraham Reddington sen. & another or two which two Last were not so much agai[nst] y^e baptism of y^e Childe as y^e time of it but were minded y^t y^e Church should have some farther tryal of them to see if their Lives would be answerable to their Confessions, &c.

Aprill 19, 85. There was a contribution by y^e Church (y^t is Male=Members in full communion) for y^e procuring of a New flagon for y^e vse of y^e Lords Table & a Table cloath & platters. There was given at y^e time but 15 shil. or thereabout several men being then absent, but 5 or 6 shil. more was given afterwards by som women in full Communion whose husbands were not & by others y^t before were absent.

May 17, 85, was Admitted into full Communion my own Wife & also y^e Wife of Thomas Andrews.

May 24. 85, were Admitted to full Communion William Avery Jun. as also William Pabody.

July 19. 85, were Admitted to full Communion John How, Ephraim Curtise, goodwife Stanley sen^r, y^e Wife of John Curtise & Martha Reddington y^e said How & Ephraim Curtise had both of them y^e major part of y^e Church for their Admission.

Decemb. 7th 85, y^e Church Voted a dismission to John Cummins alth[o] without any Commendation, as Also a dismission to his Wife with Commendations, both of them vpon their desires were dismissed to y^e Church then to be shortly gathered at Dunstable.

Decem. 20. 85. Sergeant Jacob Towne & Sarah Bishop of Salem=Village were admitted into full communion with this church. Lief. John Putnam wrote in her Commendation as also Robert Cre[—].

May 24. 86. At a Church meeting at my house were chosen two Deacons, Isaak Cumins & Nehemiah Abbot, my Landlord & Goodman Estie being also in Nomination.

Jun. 6. 86. M^r Timothy Perkins was Admitted into full communion with this Church without any objection, y^e same day also at night Nehemiah Abbot gave his Answer to y^e Church in which he did manifest his acceptance of y^e office of a Deacon, &c. Sergeant Cummins did not give his full Answer then which [] till y^e next Lords day.

Jun. 13. 86. Isaack Cummins who had been made choice of for a Deacon did manifest his acceptance of y^e same.

Octo. 31. 86, were admitted to full Communion Daniell Wood & his Wife as also Mary Towne y^e Wife of John Towne y^e Last of which three though She had been vnder a scandal yet y^e Church being stayed at Noon and her Relation read y^e Church did manifest their willingness that she should be received at Night though she had been propounded but y^e week i e y^e Sabbath before. no man objected against but only M^r Baker was against y^e receiving her in so suddenly she having been propounded but a Week.

Feb. 27. 86, were Admitted to full Communion Daniell Clarke sen^r as also Sarah Howlett y^e Wife of Samuel Howlett. Samuel Simons should have been admitted at y^t time also but y^t M^r Baker & Thomas Dorman objected against him by reason whereof it was deferred for y^t time.

Jun, 26. 87, was admitted to full Communion Samuell Simons who delivered y^e experience of y^e work of Gods grace on his heart w^t his own mouth.

Aug. 28. 87, was Admitted to full Communion Thomas Hassen.

Mar. 11, ⁸⁷/₈₈. William Averell Jun. y^t had fallen under Scandall by irreverent carriage in Ipswich meeting house on a Lecture day in y^e time of worship, so y^t people thought he was drunk because he Vomited & strong Liquor came vp as also for reproaching M^r Wise by a Letter y^t he Laid at M^r Wise his door, y^e said William Averell did then own y^t he did sinfully to give people such occasion to think so of him as if he had been drunk Although he did not own y^e was drunk & also he did acknowledg his sin in speaking against M^r Wise without any just Cause. Wherevpon y^e Chh. did Generally manifest their satisfaction with him & he was again Restored to his won[ted] communion from which he had been suspended for above half a year.

Mar. 13, 87. Joseph Towne & his Wife came to my house (there being a fast kept y^t day by y^e Church) & tendered an acknowledgment to y^e church for y^e sin of fornication, his Wife being delivered of a Child within Less than half a year after marriage which humble Confession was to general acceptance with y^e church & forgiveness as did appear by y^e vsuall signe although y^e acknowledgment was also to be read before y^e whole congregation.

Mar. 18, 87. John Stiles & his Wife were taken into full Communion with y^e Church.

Jun. 24th 88, were admitted to full Communion M^r William Perkins & Samuell Stanley y^e Last of which was also therevpon baptized.

Octo. 28, 88, were Admitted to full Communion Abraham How & Benjamin Foster.

Decem. 30th 88, were Admitted to full communion y^e Wife of Jacob Foster & her sister Martha ffoster.

Apr. 28, 89, was admitted to full Communion y^e wife of Samuell Stanley who was therevpon baptized.

Jun. 2, 1689. M^s Bradstreet owned y^e covenant & therevpon her child Mercy was baptized.

July 7. 89, was Admitted to full Communion y^e Wife of Joseph Bixby Jun^r

Aug. 10, 89. Timothy Perkins & his wife made a publick acknowledgment for their sin of fornication, two or three of y^e Chh. did then manifest their unwillingness to take vp w^t their acknowledgment as full satisfaction vntill there should be a farther oppurtunity of tryall of them as to their good & orderly conversation.

Aug. 24, 89, was admitted to full communion y^e wife of John Gould Jun^r.

Octo. 27. 89, was admitted to full Communion y^e Wife of John Ramsdell.

Feb. 23, 89, was admitted to full communion Elizabeth Stiles.

March 30, 90. Daniell Clarke & Hannah Simons did then acknowledge their misdemeanour which by agreement was to be a finall issue to y^e Long & Lasting difference y^t had been between those two families. Daniell Clarke did then acknowledge his misdemeanour in speaking Reproachfully of

y^e family of Samuell Simons wherein he had accused Hannah Simons in respect of Vnchastity & vncleanness in y^e highest degree & also Hannah Simons did then acknowledg y^t she had been to blame both in word & deed as to vncivill behaviour.

Jun. 1. 90, was Admitted to full Communion Hannah Perkins y^e wife of Timothy Perkins.

Jun. 29. 90, were admitted to full communion John Estie & Hannah Peabody y^e wife of William Peabody.

Aug. 31. 90, was Admitted to full Communion Thomas Reddington.

Aprill 26. 91, was admitted to full Communion Philip Knight & his Wife.

Octo. 25. 91, was Admitted to full communion y^e wife of M^r Timothy Perkins.

March 16. 169¹/₂, was Admitted William Smith & his wife to full Communion.

Jun. 13. 1692. A Church meeting was at my house which was to see if They could put an end the difference y^t had been between Lieft Gould & Capt. How & Jacob Towne Sen^r. Capt How did then take some blame to himself with respect to an oath which he had taken against Lieft Gould about 16 or 17 years before about Lieft Gould h[is] not restraining y^e Indians y^t were about his house. Capt. How did own y^t altho y^e substance y^e oath was true yet being not so safely worded as might have been, was sorry y^t he had been an occasion of so much trouble to Lieft Gould in Sir Edmonds time, as also that he had spoken publickly in y^e court at Boston (anything y^t might be taken to Reflect on y^e Town of Topsfield, in saying because he was for Resignation he was so maligned y^t was afraid [to] go home, was afraid of his life, altho he Intended it not as to y^e Town in general but 2 or 3 perticular persons. Ensign Towne y^t was also complained of for signing false things [in] y^e court against Lieft Gould being made Choice of for a Captain, Ensign Towne did own y^t whereas he had said in y^e writing y^t there were but 27 votes for Left Gould & several of them boys & so not Legal voters, as also y^t y^e major part of y^e Town would Attest to these things, in those 2 expressions he owned his error in subscribing to when he did not so Intend or vn-

derstand & y^t for y^e future he would be more cautious to what he did set his hand. The Church did then vpon Captain How & Ensign Towne their owning these things y^e which y^e Chh. did apprehend y^m to be blame worthy y^e Church did then by their votes perticularly declare their satisfaction with them. And at y^e same time Lieft Gould being called to an account for his with=drawing from y^e Sacrament so long, looking on these things which he objected against Capt. How as being no grounds to with=draw his communion from y^e rest of y^e Church, He did so far fall under it as to express sorrow for any offence in this matter which he had given y^e Church wherevpon y^e Church passed a vote for to express their willingness y^t he should again partake with them at y^e Lords table. Also at y^e same time Lieft Gould & Capt. How in token of their mutuall forgiveness as to whatever had been prievos between them, did take each other by y^e hand promising better for y^e future, also Ensign Towne & Lieft Gould did y^e like.

Apr. 30. 93, was Admitted to full Communion Lucy Wood y^e wife of Nathaniel Wood; also at y^e same time she was baptized as also Sarah Waters.

May 21. 1693, were ordained Deacons Isaac Cummins sen^r & Nehemiah Abbot sen^r.

Aug. 27. 93, were admitted to full communion Sarah Andrews y^e wife of John Andrews & Grace Endicot y^e wife of M^r Zerubbabel Endicot.

Oct. 1. 93, y^e Widdow Mary Hale was accepted into full Communion, vpon her dismission to y^e church of Topsfield from y^e Church of Newberry.

Decemb. 24. 1693. M^r Zerubabell Endicot who had owned y^e Covenant in this Church of Topsfield & thereupon had two children baptized was Excommunicated on y^e account of Adultery or adulteros carriage with goodwife Eames of Boxford which was proved against him to y^e satisfaction of y^e [*Chh.*] our Church also Salem Elders did expressly Concurr w^t all in Censuring of him, having seen y^e testimonys given in against him.

Decem. 3. 93, were Admitted to full Communion Abraham Redington & Martha French.

Apr. 29. 94, was admitted to full Communion Judith Doiman.

May 6. 94, Martha Wood (her maiden Name Mary foster) was vpon her desire dismissed from this Church to y^e Church in Concord.

Jun. 24. 94, was Admitted to full Communion Dorothee Robinson y^e wife of John Robinson.

Decembr. 30. 94, was Admitted John Gould Jun. to full communion.

May 3. 96, John How Jun. & his wife made their acknowledgment we being desired from Ipswich to take & y^e Church did by a Vote signify their acceptance of it.

Sept. 6. 96. There was a Contribution for goodman Kenney y^t lost his house & goods by fire. There was gathered 2-16-06.

May 23. 97, was Admitted to full communion John Perley sen. with his wife Mary Perley.

Jun. 27. 97, was Admitted to full communion Sarah Foster y^e Wife of William Foster Jun. of Boxford.

July 25. 97, was admitted to full Communion John Wiles Sen.

Nov. 28. 97, was admitted to full communion John French Jun.

Apr. 30. 99, was admitted to full communion Zacheus Curtis, also Joseph Hail & his wife.

Aug. 27. 99, were admitted to full communion Hannah How & Elizabeth Keney y^e wife of John Keney who was also then baptized.

Octo. 22. 99. Elizabeth Dunnel y^t had play^d y^e whore publickly appeared to acknowledg her sin & folly therein & go vpon her good behavior i. e. humble sober & chaste for time to come was to be still lookt on by y^e Chh. as in y^e Capacity y^t her baptism had set her in.

Octo. 29. 99, were Admitted to full Communion John Kenney Sen. & y^e wife of Zacheus Curtis.

July 27, 1700. Abigail Bixby y^t had played y^e whore appeared publickly to Acknowledg her sin & folly in y^t respect & accordingly on her sober & modest behavior of her self for y^e future was to be lookt on as in y^t capacity as before if y^e matter hd never been.

Aug. 10. 1701. Peter Shumway & his wife made their publick acknowledgment, etc.

Aug. 31, 1701. Luke Hovey & his wife were admitted to full communion.

Sept. 21, 1701. At a orderly Church meeting after publik exercise & giving notice of for y^t end a fortnight before, Sargeant Thomas Dorman & Ensign Samuel Howlett were chose to be Deacons. Altho at y^e first y^e Church voted to have but one Deacon chosen but y^e number of votes for each of them being equall y^e Chh. past their vote to have both of them on, proposing it to them y^t it might be so.

Octo. 26. 1701, were admitted to full communion Isaac Esty & wife & y^e wife of Jacob Foster, also y^e Martha Wood was then on her desire dismissed to y^e Chh. in Framingham.

Apr. 26. 1702, were admitted to full communion John Andrews, Joseph Andrews, Jacob Smith, Elizabeth Curtis y^e wife of Ephraim Curtis & y^e widdow Sarah Gill.

Jun. 28. 1702, were Admitted to full communion John Cummins & his wife, Jonathan Bixby & his wife, Hannah Foster, Ruth Simons & Rebecka Simons.

Aug. 2. 1702. Nathaniel Porter & his wife publicly ack[nowledged] their offence to good satisfaction.

Aug. 23. 1702, were admitted to full communion Isaac Burto[n], Joseph Esty, Daniell Clark, Thomas Robinson, w^t their wives Hannah Burton, Jane Esty, Damaris Clark, Hannah Robinson, at w^h time Isaac Burton w^t his family were baptised. y^e wife of William Towne also, w^t her children were baptised, w^t others in all—1[7].

Aug. 30. 1702. Admitted to full communion Joseph Pebody Jun & his wife Mary, Zacheus Gould & his wife Elizabeth, Samuell Foster, y^e aged Joanna Cooper.

Sept. 25. 1702. At a Church meeting at my house in order to send an Answer to Boxford i. e. those in full communion w^t us among y^m about their dismission from us which they sent for. There were 17 of y^e Chh. there present & did all vote it vnanimously y^t at present till they had cleard vp their old arrears & y^e bounds of y^e Towns fully established they could not consent thereto but as soon as y^t should be done would be ready to gratify them in any thing y^t in reason they should desire of them. It was signed by Capt Gould & Lieft Baker in y^e Name of y^e rest & sent by Joseph Andrews to Lieft John Peabody.

Octo. 4. 1702. Bray Wilkins & his wife Rebecka Acknowledged publickly their fault for having a child sooner yⁿ honestly should have been. The same day were dismissed vpon their desire John Pebody, John Perley, Thomas Hazen, Joseph Hail, Jonathan Bixby, Tho. Reddington, Abraham Reddington, John Stiles, Samuell Foster, Daniell Wood, Luke Hovey, all of Boxford being desirous to gather a Church there.

Octo 25. 1702, were admitted Eleanor Porter y^e wife of N. P. Mary Averill y^e wife of W. A. Constant Nichols y^e wife of J. N. & Elizabeth French y^e wife of J. F.

Decem. 1. 1702, at a Lawfull Church meeting at my house called to give som Answer to sundry persons y^t had desired a dismission. viz. Samuell Symons, Zacheus Curtis, Ephraim Curtis, & Joseph Peabody Jun. y^e Church did then refuse to grant it by reason of y^e difference between y^e 2 Towns as touching their Limits. 20 brethren present only three of which declared for their dismission viz. M^r Tho. Baker, Lieft Perkins & William Smith, altho at y^e same time I did declare myself to be for it also.

Jan. 17. 1702-3. Then were dismissed Mary Watson, Mary Per[], Sarah Wood, Widdow Pebody, Elizabeth Stilman, Mary Hale, Deliverence Stiles, Widdow Bixby, Sarah Bixby y^e wife of Jonathan B. Elizabeth Buswell.

Feb. 28. 1702-3, were Admitted to full communion Amos Dorman & his Wife & Elizabeth Nichols.

Apr. 25. 1703, were admitted Joseph Towne & his wife. Nehemiah Abbot & his wife.

Jun. 27. was Admitted Jane Perley y^e wife of John Perley.

Aug. 29. 1703, was Admitted Abraham Foster.

Feb. 1703-4, were admitted John Robinson Sen^r & Pheobe Towne y^e wife of corporall Jacob Towne.

Apr. 30. 1704, was Admitted Sarah Bradstreet wife of Mr. John Bradstreet.

Jun. 4. 1704. Y^e Church did unanimously choose y^e 2 Deacons D. Tho. Dorman & D. Samuell Howlett to sett in along w^t such officers as y^e civill Authority has appointed selectmen, grandjurors, Tythingmen to promote a more vigorous execution of gen^l laws against disorderly persons.

Jun. 25. John Hovey sen. was admitted to full communion.

Octo. 25. 1704. Sarah Perkins Daughter of Tho. Perkins publick[ly] owned & acknowledged her fault in y^e matter of whoredom; & on her Humble & good behavior of herself thereupon it was signified to her y^t y^e Chh. would look on her as in y^e capacity y^t her baptism speaks her to be in.

Feb. 25. 1704-5, were Admitted to full communion Joseph Towne sen. William Chapman & his wife, y^e wife of Ephraim Wilds, my own Priscilla & Mary.

Jun. 24. 1705, were Admitted to full communion Elisha Perkins & his wife, Timothy Perley & his wife & y^e wife of Sergeant Reddington.

July 1. 1705, was admitted to full communion Benjamin Bixby sen.

Oct. 28. 1705, was admitted M^s Deborah Cl[e]ves.

Decem. 2. 1705. Ruth Elliot daughter of Sam Simons had on her desire a dismission to y^e 3^d Chh. in Boston.

Apr. 29. 1706, were dismissed Thomas Gould & his wife Mercy Gould, also Elizabeth Perkins.

Jun. 30. were admitted John How, Thomas Howlet, Thomas Per[], Tho. Dorman, Job Averil, John Curtiss, M^r Baker, widow Averil, Abigail Perley, Abigail Perkins, Sarah How, Rebecka Howlet, Susanna Averil, Priscilla Curtis & Mary Waters.

Aug. 25. 1706, were admitted John Nichols, John Hovey, Michaell Dwanell Jun. Seth Dorman, Sarah Pebody wife of Isaac Pebody, y^e wife of Thomas Dorman, Deborah Dorman, & Mercy Hovey wife of John Hovey.

Nov. 17. 1706. John Kenney and his wife were dismissed to y^e Church at New=^bery falls.

Feb. 23. 1706-7, admitted Timothy Perkins.

Feb. 29. 1707-8, Paul Averil & his wife were admitted.

Apr. 25. 1708, Joseph Borman & his wife were admitted.

Jun. 27. 1708. William Porter & his wife Phebe were admitted.

Jun. 27. 1708. Elizabeth Towne & y^e wife of William Hobbs were admitted.

Aug. 28. 1709. Ivory Hovey & his wife were admitted.

Octo. 29. 1709. Martha Howlett was admitted.

Decem. 31. 1710. Jesse Dorman & his wife were admitted.

Apr. 27. 1711. Joseph Towne y^e 3^d & his wife were admitted.

Apr. 27. 1712, were admitted to full Communion John Perkins & his wife & John Perley.

May 25. 1712. Ann Chapman made a publicke acknowledgment for her sin of whoredom.

Apr. 25. 1714, were admitted to full communion Jacob Pebody, John Howlet, Rebecca Pebody wife of Jacob Pebody & Hephziba Curtis.

Jun. 20. 1714. Benjamin Towne & Katharine Towne publickly acknowledged their offenc in being intimate w^t each other so as y^e had a child sooner yⁿ ought to have had or could had they not transgressed good order.

Jun. 27. 1714 were admitted to full Communion Joseph Gould & his wife Priscilla, y^e wife of Abraham Foster & Mary Bixby.

Aug. 29. 1714 were admitted to full Communion John Curtis Sen, & widdow Abigail Towne.

Feb. 1715-16, Daniel Perkins was admitted to full communion.

Apr. 15. 1716. Lieft. Daniel Reddington was chosen Deacon to serve as such in y^e room of Deacon Dorman deceased.

Apr. 29. 1716, admitt to full communion Mary Hovey Daughter of John Hovey Jun. & soon After Jacob Stanley, Elizabeth Reddington, Love How, also Caleb Foster & his wife.

Octo. 28. 1716. Tho. Curtis & Phebe his wife were admitted to full Communion.

Mar. 17. 1717 was admitted Tobijah Perkins Jun. & his wife.

Mar. 31. was admitted Joanna Hood.

Apr. 28. 1717, was admitted Benjamin How & his wife

Aug. 1717 & Sept. 1. were admitted Jacob Towne Sen. y^e wife of David Foster & Martha Killum wife of Tho. Killum.

Octo. 27. 1717, was admitted to full communion Joanna Porter.

Jun. 29. 1718 was admitted to full communion Hannah Potter wife of Samuell Potter & a litell before yⁿ Jacob Foster & his wife & Daniell Foster & his wife had y^r dismission granted y^m to y^e Chh. in Lebanon, as also Serj Samuell Stanley &

his wife & Jacob Stanley had their dismissal to y^e Church in Attleborough.

Aug. 10, 1718. Isaac Cummins Jun^r & his wife made a publick Acknowledgment of y^r sin in having a Child before they were married.

Oct. 12. 1718. John French & his wife were dismissed to y^e Church in Norwich on y^r Removal thither.

Apr. 26. 1719 was Admitted to full Communion Ruth Towne.

Aug. 28. 1719, at a Lawfull Church meeting it was voted very vnanimously (1) y^t y^e Deacons, Deacon Howlett & Deacon Reddington should have 3 penc more in y^e year of every person partaking of y^e Lords supper so to continue y^t is 15 penc a person in y^e year, as long as y^e Church should see cause for it, it having been but 12 penc a person formerly in y^e year, which 3^d addition is in consideration y^t wine & bread is dearer than formerly so y^t y^e vsual contribution would not procure it but y^e Deacons were forced to lay out of their own money. (2) It was also voted very vnanimously y^t al persons put their contribution in paper & write their Names thereon or els shall be liabl to loos it & to pay it over again.

Aug. 30. 1719, admitted to full communion Abraham How & his wife Hephzibah.

After y^t y^e wife of Nathanaell Borman & y^e widdow Knowlton.

Jun. 26. 1720. Lydia French was admitted.

Feb. 26. 1720-21. Jacob Reddington & his wife made a publick Acknowledgment for having a child sooner after marriage than should have been. Also Jacob Towne & his wife.

Apr. 30. 1721, were Admitted to full communion Isaac Cummins Sen. of Ipswich & his wife, Thomas Baker, Thomas Porter & his wife.

May 14. 1721. Lydia How, & Experience Towne made a publick acknowledgment for y^e sin of whoredom.

Aug. 24. 1723, were Admitted to full communion John Abbot & his wife, Richard Towne & his wife, Hannah Perley wife of Stephen Perley & my Daughter Bradstreet.

Aug. 30. 1724, were Admitted Mary Abbot & Sarah Abbot.

Nathan Hood,
 George Bixby
 Stephen Peabody, Box.
 Wm Perkins.
 Thomas Howlett.
 Joseph Peabody
 Jacob Robinson.
 Jacob Peabody Juur
 Jacob Averell.
 John Andrews. Box
 Joseph Edwards,
 John Symonds.
 Ezekiel Robinson

Abraham Foster Junr Ips.
 Samll Howlett Junr
 John Hood.
 Amos Dwinell
 xDoctor Dexter
 Zacheus Gould
 Aaron Hovey
 Nehemiah Hovey, Ips.
 Seabrew a Negro Servant man, Ips.
 David Balch
 John Perkins,
 No 52 alive 1738.

Church Book Dec^r y^e 30th 1728 Cost 18/.

The Rev: M^r Joseph Capen my worthy Predecessor was ordained Pastour of y^e Church of CHRIST in Topsfield June y^e 11th 1684 and continued in y^e sacred office there untill June y^e 30th A. D. 1725 when he was removed by Death.

The Church remained unsettled afterwards untill y^e 27th Day of November 1728: which was three years, four months and 26 Days.

The Church of CHRIST in Topsfield having made choice of M^r John Emerson to be their Pastor sent Letters to eight churches to come and afford their assistance by y^r elders & messengers in ordaining of him to y^e office of a Pastor over y^m in y^e Lord.

Accordingly on y^e 27th Day of Nov^{br} 1728 came y^e Rev: M^r John & Nathan^{ll} Rogers pastors of y^e first church of CHRIST in Ipswich with their Delegates, the Rev^d M^r John Rogers of Boxford, the Rev^d M^r Joseph Emerson of Malden, the Rev^d M^r Sam^{ll} Wigglesworth of Ipswich-Hamlett, the Rev^d M^r Peter Clark of Salem-Village and the Rev^d M^r Robert Ward of Wenham wth their Delegates:

The solemnity began wth prayer, M^r Wigglesworth was y^e Mouth of y^e Congregation: M^r Emerson of Malden preached from *Mat. 4. 21, 22.* And going on from thence *He saw other two Brethren, James y^e son of Zebedee, & John his Brother and He called y^m and they immediately left y^e ship & y^r Father and followed Him.* M^r John Rogers Sen^r pastor of y^e first chh: of Ipswich gave y^e charge; M^r John Rogers of Boxford gave y^e right Hand of Fellowship:

M^r Ward of Wenham prayed afterwards: a sutable psalm was yⁿ sung, y^e Blessing given, and y^e solemnity concluded.

A Record of those who have been Admitted into full Communion y^t have been baptized* & y^t have owned y^e covenant in Topsfield since my ordination there which was on Nov: 27, A. D. 1728.

Decem^{br} 22, 1728. William Kittery owned y^e Covenant.

Decem^{br} 23, at a church meeting in Topsfield it was agreed y^t y^e sacrament of y^e Lords Supper should be administered once in two months, beginning on y^e first sabbath of January next ensuing & so y^e first sabbath of every other month throughout y^e year as it was in M^r Capens [t]ime

Deacon Howlet was yⁿ impowered by y^e eld[e]rs in their name to receive four pounds of Deacon Reddington y^t was willed to y^e chh: by his aunt Howlet at her Death: he was to give Deacon Reddington (who was her executor) a discharge & to keep y^e money for y^e chh: till they should determine what use to put it to: There was then 17^s contributed by y^e members yⁿ present to buy a book for y^e church & accordingly this Book was bought for that use by Daniel Clark he adding 1^s more to y^e Sum.

Jan: 5, 1729. Joseph Perkins owned y^e Covenant.

Jan^{ry} 19. Admitted into full communion Dinah Town y^e wife of Phillip Town.

Feb^{ry} 23, 1728-9 Admitted into full Communion Joseph Cummings Jun^r and Sarah his Wife: Hannah Curtice y^e wife of Sam^l Curtice: and Mehetabell Dodge

Thomas Demcy & Mary his wife: Simon Bradstreet Jun^r, Zaccheus Perkins, Thomas Perkins and William Perkins owned y^e Covenant.

March 2, 1729. Admitted into full Communion Dorothy Dod.

March 30. Jacob Averell owned y^e Covenant.

April 7, at a church meetin[g] in Topsfield: it was voted I that all y^e unpapered money put into y^e contribution should be reserved for a Church stock & so II it was voted thereupon y^t all those who neglecte[d] to paper their money &

*These baptisms were printed in Topsfield Historical Collections, Vol. I.

write their names thereupon should still be acco[unt]able. III 'Twas voted y^t every communicant sho uld give three pence a sac[ra]ment. IIII 'Twas also vot[ed] y^t there should be a Ra[te] gathered beforehand to [de]fray y^e Charges of y^e Eld[ers] for half a year.

April 20. David Cummins and Joseph Town Jun^r owned y^e Covenant.

April 27. Admitted into full communion Matthew Peabody and Mehetabell his wife, Joseph Hovey, Elisabeth Wildes y^e wife of Jonathan Wildes, Mary Perkins y^e wife of John Perkins, Martha Perley and Susannah Hovey. at y^e same time also Abigail Cummings y^e wife of Joseph Cummings.

May 4. Admitted into full Communion Jacob Bixby.

June 1. Admitted into full Communion Mary Smith y^e wife of Ephraim Smith.

June 8. Admitted into full Communion John Prichard.

July 19. Martha Prichard y^e wife of John Prichard owned y^e Covenant.

July 27. John Perkins Jun^r owned y^e Covenant.

August 10. Jonathan Wildes owned y^e Covenant.

September 7. Admitted into full Communion Ivory Hovey Jun^r Jemima Town y^e wife of Joseph Town Jun^r and Dorcas Hovey.

September 19, at a church meeting in Topsfield, I It was voted with great unanimity y^t Jacob Peabody should succeed Deacon Reddington in his office of a Deacon: he viz. De a con Reddington by reason of his age was rendered unable to officiate: Jacob Peabody signified his acceptance of y^e office he was chose into. II Deacon Reddington delivered y^e money to y^e church viz. 4 Pounds which was willed to it by y^e widow Howlett deceased and was Lodged in his hands for y^t End, he being an Executor to her will: 'Twas yⁿ left in Deacon Howletts hands untill y^e church should see cause to call for it and dispose of it.

October 19. The church of Topsfield dismissed according to their Desires Job Averell, John Nicholls, Thomas Robinson and Thomas Curtiss, in order to their being Embodied in a church Society at Middleton with Sundry other Members at s^d town, y^e wives of Job Averell, Thomas Robinson and

Thomas Curtiss with y^e widow Mary Hobs were then dismissed also.

Nov^m 2. Admitted into full Communion Mercy Perkins y^e wife of Joseph Perkins. Nathan Bixby being dismissed Recommended by y^e church of Boxford was received into y^e church of Topsfield.

November 23. Michall Coffan and Lydia his wife owned y^e Covenant.

The Church of Christ in Middleton, having sent to y^e Church of Christ in Topsfield desiring their assistance by their Elder and Delegates in the ordination of the Rev: M^r Andrew Peters whom they had chose to the pastoral office over them in y^e Lord. The Church of Topsfield voted I. that they would send. II. The Deacons viz. Deacon Howlett and Deacon Peabody were Chosen the Delegates of y^e Church to assist in that Affair.

December 7. Philip Town owned y^e Covenant.

Jan^{ry} 4th, 1729-30. Luke Averell and his wife being dismissed from and recommended by y^e church of Boxford were received into y^e church of Topsfield.

Thomas Perley was dismissed from the Church of Christ in Topsfield and recommended to the Church of Christ in Boxford, 1730.

Feb. 1. Admitted into full Communion David Nelson. Josiah Kenney owned y^e Covenant.

Feb. 15. John Town Jun^r owned y^e Covenant.

March 22. y^e widow Ann Averell, owned y^e Covenant.

May 3. Admitted into full Communion William Reddington, Abigail Cummings y^e wife of Joseph Cummings Jun^r & Elizabeth Reddington y^e wife of Jacob Reddington.

June 28. Admitted into full Communion Martha Howlett y^e wife of Sam^l Howlett and Mehetabell Abbot. Prudence Dwinell y^e wife of Joseph Dwinell owned y^e Covenant.

July 5. Margaret Perkins y^e wife of Sam^l Perkins owned y^e Covenant.

July 19. Martha Prichard y^e wife of John Prichard owned y^e Covenant.

August 23. Israel Town and Gracie his wife owned y^e Covenant.

October 4. Joseph Peabody owned y^e Covenant.

October 25. Thomas Baker owned y^e Covenant.

Twas put to vote in y^e Churc[h] whether John Johnston upon y^e Certificate he brought with Him from Ireland, should have his child baptized and passed in y^e affirmative. The same Day also Thomas Perkins according to his Desire was dismissed by the Church of Topsfield, in order to be embodied with some others into a Church at Arundell.

November 22. Lydia Knoulton according to her Desire was dismissed and recommended by the Church of Christ in Topsfield to the [blank]

January 3, 1731. Admitted into full Communion Elizabeth Lampson y^e wife of John Lampson Jun^r.

January 24. Nathan¹¹ Porter Jun^r owned y^e Covenant.

March 28. Israel Clark owned y^e Covenant.

July 18. Jacob Clarke owned y^e Covenant.

August 29. Jabez Towne owned y^e Covenant.

September 5. Hannah Bowery, owned y^e Covenant.

September 12. Stephen Johnson owned y^e Covenant.

January 23, 1732. Nathan Whood owned y^e Covenant.

March 26. Nathan Whoods Wife, owned y^e Covenant.

May 21. Jacob Bixby according to his Desire was dismissed and recommended by y^e Church of Christ in Topsfield to the Second Church of Christ in Killinglee.

June 4. Ephraim Wildes owned y^e Covenant.

July 2. Admitted into full Communion Sarah Foster y^e wife of Abraham Foster Jun^r

July 23. Thomas Gould Jun^r and Mary his Wife owned y^e Covenant.

August 13. John Kneland and his Wife and Daniel Gould and his Wife owned y^e Covenant.

October 8. Dan Clark owned y^e Covenant.

December 17. Thomas Howlett owned y^e Covenant.

June 3, 1733. Nathanael Curtice owned y^e Covenant.

Nathan Bixby and Abigail his wife (according to their Desire) were dismissed and recommended by the Church of Topsfield to the Second Church in Killinglee.

September 2. Admitted into full Communion Sarah Smith Priscilla Lampson and Mehetabel Wilkins.

November 4. Admitted into full Communion Elizabeth Peabody the wife of Joseph Peabody.

December 2. Jacob Robinson and Mary his wife owned y^e Covenant.

December 9. Edmund Town and Elizabeth his wife owned y^e Covenant.

December 30. The Case of M^r Stephen Peabody of Boxford, with Respect to his Desire of Admission into the Church of Topsfield being laid before that Church the Church passed the following vote namely Inasmuch as M^r Stephen Peabody has desired Admission into the Church of Boxford and the Rev: Pastor there with some of the Brethren are so dissatisfied that he is denied Admittance there we cannot at present see our way clear to act any thing in order to his Admission with us unless the Difference between M^r Rogers and Peabody be laid before a Council and a Council after hearing both Parties, should advise us to receive Him into our Communion.

January 6, 1733-4. Admitted into full Communion Eliezer Lake and Lydia his wife.

February 3. Daniel Gloyd owned y^e Covenant.

February 24. Admitted into full Communion John Wildes and Phoebe his wife and Abigail Hovey.

April 28, 1734. Admitted into full Communion Phineas Reddington and Dorothy his wife.

June 16. Philip Kneland Jun^r and his wife owned y^e Covenant.

June 30. Admitted into full Communion Hepzibah Wildes, y^e wife of Ephraim Wildes.

October 27. John Perkins and his wife (according to their Desire) were dismiss[ed] and recommended by the Church of Christ in Topsfield to the Churc[h] of Christ in Middleton.

December 1. Jonathan Foster owned y^e Covenant.

January 26, 1734-5. Admitted into full Communion the widow Martha Robinson.

February 13. The Church in Topsfield met at y^e meeting House, and after y^e meeting was opened by humble prayer to God the Church passed the following votes viz. voted I that every Communicant should pay 2 shillings to defray the Charge of y^e Elements for y^e year ensuing. II that two new flaggons and two new Tankards be bought. III that the two

old Tankards and two old Flaggons be sold as far as they will go towards buying the new ones and that the Remainder be taken out of the Church Stock. IIII. that the Deacons be desired to buy the new Tankards and Flaggons.

April 20, 1735. Admitted into full Communion Jacob Averell.

June 15, the following vote was passed namely that if the two old Flaggons and Tankards with the churches Stock which is four pounds, be not enough to buy two new Tankards, and two new Flaggons according to what was voted by the Church the 13th of February last: that then the Deacons be desired to lay out s^d money with the old Pewter as far as they will answer in purchasing such vessells as are most needed for the Communion Table.

June 29. Admitted into full Communion John Lampson Jun^r. Abraham Reddington and his wife owned y^e Covenant.

August 10. Joseph Kneeland owned y^e Covenant.

August 17. Daniel Clough and Ruth his wife owned y^e Covenant.

September 7. Nathanel Wood owned y^e Covenant.

October 6. Admitted into full Communion Phoebe Emery and Sarah Averell.

October 12. Amos Dorman and his wife, owned y^e Covenant.

November 2. Admitted into full Communion Hannah Town y^e wife of Gideon Town.

November 9. Thomas Dorman owned y^e Covenant.

December 2. The Church of Topsfield met at y^e meeting House in order to make Choice of a Sutable person to officiate as a Deacon in y^e chh: and after humble prayer to God for Direction and a short Discourse from *Acts 6. 2, 3.* shewing y^e official work and specifications of Deacons, y^e Church brought in their votes, upon sorting and numbring of which it appeared that Liev^t Ivory Hovey was chosen by a great majority: who also accepted y^e Choice. The church also voted Eight shillings and Thr[ee] pence to y^e widow Howlett for her Husbands Journey to Boston to buy some vessels for y^e Communion Table.

December 28. Admitted into full Communion Abigail Hovey the wife of Joseph Hovey.

February 1, 1736. Solomon Gould and Elizabeth his wife owned y^e Covenant.

February 29. Admitted into full Communion Nathan Hood.

George Bixby and Mary his wife being dismissed from and recommended by y^e Church of Christ in Salem village to y^e Care, Communion and holy Fellowship of y^e Church of Christ in Topsfield were accordingly received by Topsfield Church.

March 7. Deborah Rogers being dismissed from and recommended by y^e Church of Christ in Boxford, to y^e Christian Fellowship, holy Communion and watch of y^e Church of Christ in Topsfield, was accordingly admitted into Topsfield Church.

March 14. John Averell owned y^e Covenant.

March 21, 1736. Admitted into full Communion Thomas Cummings.

April 11. The following Epistle was read to y^e Church in Topsfield and voted to be sent to y^e Church in Boxford. The Church of Christ in Topsfield to y^e Church of Christ in Boxford sendeth Greeting. Rev^d and Beloved. This comes to acquaint you y^t Cap^t Stephen Peabody is propounded to Communion with us at y^e Lords Table, and altho he is a Child of this Church, yet inasmuch as he is an Inhabitant of your Town and also was som[e] years since propounded to you, and his Admission hath been denyed or neglected, we therefore desire to know in y^e first place, whether you as a Church have any thing material to object against our proceeding to admit Him into holy Communion and Fellowship with us, or whether there be any particular members of your Church y^t have any sufficient objection.

We are loth to do anything y^t should so much as seem to give occasion of offense to a neighbour and Sister Church: we therefore thus send to you, desiring y^t if you know of any Just Bar (yet remaining) to his admittance, we may be timely acquainted wth it: we say, yet remaining, because (as we suppose) a principal one is removed, for we perceive by a paper read to us, signed by your Rev^d Pastor & Cap^t Peabody, y^t they have mutually forgiven one another all past injuries which we rejoice at, and it would have afforded us

still further cause for rejoicing if there had been y^e like mutual forgiveness between Him and others y^t are offended, and so y^e way cleared for his comfortable and charitable admission with you.

We commend you together with ourselves to y^e Grace & Direction of y^e great Shepherd of y^e Sheep, and desiring your prayers for us, we rest yours in y^e faith and Fellowship of y^e Gospel.

April 18. Nathanael Hood Jun^r and Abigail his wife owned y^e Covenant.

May 16. Mary Dwinell y^e wife of John Dwinell owned y^e Covenant.

June 6. David Nelson (according to his Desires) was dismissed and recommended by y^e chh: of Topsfield, to y^e Christian Fellowship, holy Communion and watch of y^e Chh in Lancaster.

June 27. admitted into full Communion Stephen Peabody. Will^m Perkins and Sarah Foster y^e Daughter of Caleb Foster.

August 15. William Rogers, Aaron Hubbard and Mary his wife owned y^e Covenant.

August 29. admitted into full Communion Thomas Howlett, Sarah Dorman, Kezia Town, and Abigail Gould.

October 24. Micall Dwinell Jun^r owned y^e covenant.

October 31. Admitted into full Communion Joseph Peabody, Jacob Robinson, Jacob Peabody Jun^r, Mary Robinson y^e wife of Jacob Robinson, Phebee Gould, Rebeckah Peabody, Mary Dorman and Kezia Gould.

November 28. Mary Averell y^e wife of John Averell owned y^e Covenant.

January 2, 1737. Sam^l Smith Jun^r and Priscilla his wife owned y^e Covenant.

May 1, admitted into full Communion Luce Dwinell y^e wife of Micall Dwinell Jun^r.

June 5. John Robinson and Rebeckah his wife owned y^e Covenant.

June 26. Joanna Kneeland y^e Daughter of Edward Kneeland.

October 2, the widow Mary Kenney owned y^e Covenant.

November 6. admitted into full Communion Hannah Towne y^e Wife of Richerd Towne.

November 13. The widow Mary Bixby (according to her Desire) was dismissed and recommended by y^e Church of Christ in Topsfield to y^e Christian fellowship watch & holy Communion of y^e Second Church of Christ in Killinglee.

November 20. Susanna Scales y^e wife of M^r James Scales (according to her Desire) was dismissed and recommended by y^e Chh of Christ in Topsfield to y^e Chh of Christ in Rumford y^t is to y^e Christian care, watch and holy Fellowship of y^t Church.

December 25. Joshua Conant owned y^e Covenant.

February 12, 1738. Nathan^{ll} Moulton owned y^e Covenant.

The following message was voted by y^e Church of Topsfield to be sent to y^e Rev^d M^r Rogers Pastor of a Church in Boxford. Rev^d S^r For as much as John Andros (who now desires admission into y^e Chh: of Topsfield) belongs to your Town and has sought for admission into your Chh: and been propounded by yourself in order thereto, but not received (and we being loth to do any thing y^t should so much as seem to give occasion of offence to your self or Chh: yea should be glad if he might have reasonable satisfaction and be received by you;) we have therefore desired Deacon Peabody and Deacon Hovey to wait upon you to receive of you (if you see cause to give) y^e reason why said Andros was not proceeded with at y^e time expected, and whether there be now any objection lying in the way to prevent his Admission.

February 26, 1738. Admitted into full communion John Andrews and Mary Neland.

March 12. Jacob Estey owned y^e Covenant.

April 2. Jonathan Stanley owned y^e Covenant.

April 30. Admitted into full Communion Mary Neeland y^e wife of Philip Neeland, the widow Ann Averell, and Susanna Neeland y^e wife of John Neeland.

August 13. Rebeckah Smith owned y^e Covenant.

September 24. Susannah Dwinell the wife of John Dwinell Jun^r owned y^e Covenant.

October 22. Jemima Town y^e wife of Joseph Town Jun^r (according to her Desire) was dismissed and recommended by y^e Church of Christ in Topsfield to y^e Christian Fellow-

ship watch and holy Communion of y^e Second Church of Christ in Killinglee.

November 5. Benjamin How and Alice his wife (according to their desire) were dismissed and recommended by y^e Church of Christ in Topsfield to y^e Christian watch and holy Communion of the Church of Christ in Sutton.

February 4, 1739. Joseph Dorman and Elisha Towne Jun^r owned y^e Covenant.

February 25. Daniel Gould and Lydia his wife admitted into full Communion.

March 4. Priscilla Gould y^e Daughter of Cap^t Joseph Gould admitted into full Communion.

April 22. Isaac Towne owned y^e Covenant.

August 12. Joseph Baker admitted into full Communion.

October 28. Israel Town and Grace his wife Admitted into full Communion.

November 25. Thomas Dwinell Jun^r owned y^e Covenant.

December 30. Lydia Stanley y^e wife of Sam^l Stanley.

January 6, 1740. Jonathan Treadwell owned y^e Covenant.

February 24. Pheebe y^e wife of Robert Edwards admitted into full Communion.

April 27. Solomon Gould, Sarah Baker y^e wife of Thomas Baker, Martha Prichett y^e wife of John Prichett, Elisabeth Gould y^e wife of Solomon Gould & Ruth Gould y^e Daughter of Cap^t Joseph Gould, admitted into full communion.

August 10. Joseph Curtis Jun^r and Katharine his wife owned y^e Covenant.

August 24. Joseph Cummings Jun^r owned y^e Covenant.

August 31. John Gould Jun^r admitted into full Communion.

September 14. Thomas Andres Jun^r owned y^e Covenant.

October 5. M^r Ivory Hovey Jun^r having an Invitation to settle in y^e work of y^e ministry at Rochester was (according to his Desire) dismissed and recommended by y^e Church of Christ in Topsfield to y^e Christian watch and holy Communion of y^e Second Church of Christ in Rochester.

October 26. Kezia Fitts y^e wife of Robert Fitts Jun^r of Sutton was (according to her Desire) dismissed and recommended by y^e Church of Christ in Topsfield to y^e Christian watch and holy Communion of y^e Church of Christ in Sutton.

November 16. Jacob Dwinell owned y^e Covenant.

December 7. Hannah Goodhall y^e wife of Thomas Goodhall owned y^e Covenant.

January 4, 1741. Eleaser Gould owned y^e Covenant.

March 1. Cornelius Balch owned y^e Covenant.

April 26. Margaret Perkins y^e wife of Sam^l Perkins, Lydia Symonds and Patience Gould admitted into full Communion.

May 24. Joseph Baker and Mehetabel his wife were (according to their Desire) dismissed and recommended by y^e Church of Christ in Topsfield to y^e Christian watch and holy Communion of y^e Church of Christ in Dudley.

June 21. Mary Foster y^e Daughter of Caleb Foster admitted into full Communion. Stephen y^e son of Caleb Foster owned y^e Covenant.

July 12. Simon Gould and John Balch owned y^e Covenant.

August 9. Deborah a negro servant woman belonging to Joseph Herrick and Katharine a negro servant maid belonging to Joseph Porter owned y^e Covenant.

September 13. Israel Town and Grace his wife (at their Desire) were dismissed from and recommended by y^e Church of Christ in Topsfield in order to be embodied with certain others into a distinct chh. at Southhegan west.

October 4. Sarah y^e wife of Mical Holdgate owned y^e Covenant.

October 25. Martha y^e wife of Dan Clark, Sarah Bull, Martha the Daughter of Sam^l Howlett, and Dorothy Averell a child in her tenth year y^e Daughter of Jacob Averell admitted into full Communion.

January 24, 1742. David Towne and Mary his wife owned y^e Covenant.

February 14. Simon Bradstreet Jun^r and Anna his wife owned y^e Covenant.

March 21. Phinehas Reddington and Dorothy his wife (at their Desire) were dismissed from and recommended by y^e Church of Christ in Topsfield to y^e Christian watch & holy Communion of y^e first Church of Christ in Lebanon in Connecticut.

April 8. Elisabeth wife of Jacob Reddington (at her desire) was dismissed from and recommended by y^e Church of Christ in Topsfield to y^e Christian watch & holy Communion of y^e fourth Church of Christ in Windsor.

May 2. Joseph Edwards admitted into full Communion.

May 16. Jeremiah Towne, Aaron Hovey and Sarah his wife owned y^e Covenant.

May 23. Ruth Dodge owned y^e Covenant.

June 20. Seabrew a Negro servant man belonging to Sam^l Pearley.

June 27. Ezekiel Potter, John Symonds, Abraham Foster Jun^r, Samuel Howlett Jun^r, John Hood, Sarah Town, Elisabeth Hood ye wife of Nathan Hood, Esther y^e wife of Aaron Estey, Martha y^e wife of Joseph Cummings Jun^r, Sarah y^e wife of Abraham Hobbs, Mary y^e wife of Ezekiel Potter, Jane Pearley, Katharina Wildes y^e Daughter of Cap^t John Wildes, Mary y^e Daughter of Will^m Reddington, Sarah Mansfield, Eunice y^e Daughter of Ephraim Kimball, Elisabeth y^e Daughter of Abraham How & Elisabeth y^e Daughter of Will^m Reddington admitted into full Communion. Amos Hood owned y^e Covenant.

July 18. Sam^l Pearley and his wife owned y^e Covenant.

August 10. The Brethren of y^e Church Tarrying after Lecture and after some Discourse had concerning y^e charge of providing for y^e Lords Table: y^e following vote was passed viz. That each Communicant should for y^e year ensuing pay Three shillings viz. 18^d in September next and 18^d in March next, for y^e Defraying y^e rising Charge of y^e Elements.

August 29. Amos Dwinell, Hannah Perkins wife of Jacob Perkins, Rebeckah Edwards wife of Tho^s Edwards, Abigail wife of Nathan^l Hood Jun^r, Hepsibah Daughter of Abraham How, Sarah Daughter of Abraham Foster, Esther Dwinell, Jemima Town, Hannah Cumings Daughter of Isaac

Cummings Jun^r, Hannah Daughter of Sam^l Perkins, Hannah Daughter of Sam^l Potter, Rebekah Pichard & Mary y^e Daughter of Joseph Hale admitted into full Communion.

September 5. Charity y^e wife of Doctor Mical Dwinell, y^e wife of Benjamin Ireland & Sarah y^e Daughter of Cap^t Joseph Gould admitted into full communion.

October 17. Sam^l Potter Jun^r and Abigail his wife owned y^e Covenant.

October 31. Doctor Richard Dexter and Mehetabell his wife, Zacheus Gould, Phoebe Town and Susannah Gould admitted into full communion.

January 16, 1743. Benjamin Towne Jun^r owned y^e Covenant.

February 6. The Church being desired to tarry & y^e Congregation also, y^e Brethren of y^e Chh: did then manifest y^r Desire by a vote to keep a Day of Prayer with Fasting to God, to cry unto God for y^e outpouring of his Holy Spirit in his converting and saving influences upon y^e Flock both Parents & Children. The Brethren of y^e chh: did also manifest y^r Desire by a further vote y^t y^e Congregation would join wth them in keeping y^e Day: Then y^e Pastor appointed Wednesday y^e sixteenth of this instant February to be observed as above expressed.

February 27. Aaron Hovey, Nehemiah Abbot, and Seabrew a Negro Serv^t Man belonging to Sam^l Pearly admitted into full Communion.

April 17. Thomas Symonds and Anna his wife owned y^e Covenant.

June 26. David Balch & Sarah y^e wife of Micall Holdgate admitted into full Communion.

August 7. Mary Barall owned y^e Covenant.

August 21. The Brethren of y^e Church being desired to tarry after y^e Blessing was given a Letter sent from Exeter to be communicated subscribed by 29 of y^e Brethren of y^e Church in s^d town desiring of y^e Church in Topsfield their assistance by their Elder & Delegates in Council with other churches, respecting some Differences that had arisen, and were yet subsisting among y^e Members or some of ye Members in said church of Exeter: which Letter being read to, and debated on among y^e Brethren of y^e church in Topsfield,

and y^e question put whether y^e Church would send as desired in y^e Letter, and it passed in y^e Negative.

September 4. Ann Wallis owned y^e Covenant.

October 9. Y^e Brethren of y^e chh: being desired to tarry after y^e Blessing a second Letter from some aggrieved Members of y^e Chh: in Exeter, with y^e Result of y^e late ecclesiastical Council y^t sat there and was left till Thirsday next (being a generall Thanksgiving on s^d Day for y^d Day for y^e Preservation of y^e King &c.) for consideration.

October 13. After y^e publick Exercise was over y^e Brethren of y^e chh: being desired, tarried, y^e officers of y^e agrieved Members of y^e Chh: in Exeter, being mentioned, and after it was briefly opened without reading y^e Letter again it was first put to vote whether y^e chh: would send Delegates as desired of y^m in their Letter, and it passed in y^e affirmative. Secondly, ye chh: then proceeded to make choice of y^e Persons y^t should go with their Pastor to represent them; one and another refusing to y^e Number of Eight were chosen viz Deacon Peabody, Deacon Hovey, M^r George Bixby, Cap^t Tobijah Perkins, Cap^t John Wildes, Cap^t Joseph Gould, M^r Luke Averell and M^r Mark How. But two only of those persons went with y^e Pastor, viz. Deacon Hovey and Cap^t Joseph Gould.

Nov^m 2. being Lecture Day y^e Brethren of y^e chh: being desired to tarry after y^e Blessing y^e Result of y^e late Council of chhs. y^t sat at Exeter was read to them.

December 4. Daniel Bixby owned y^e Covenant.

December 25. Andrew Bradstreet admitted into full Communion.

January 8, 1744. Isaac Perkins and Elizabeth his wife owned y^e Covenant.

February 26. John Perkins Third, and Elisabeth his wife, Lucy Bradstreet, and Pheebe Towne y^e Daughter of Gideon Towne, admitted into full Communion.

March 11. Elisabeth y^e wife of Robert Perkins and Priscilla y^e wife of Jacob Averell admitted into full Communion.

April 29. Mary y^e wife of Thomas Gould Jun^r Admitted into full Communion.

June 3. On Sabbath Day morning a little after Ten^oth y^o Clock as people were assembled and assembling themselves to y^o publick worship God was pleased to shaken y^o Land once more wth an awfull Earthquake. At y^e close of y^e publick Exercises of y^e Sabbath it was proposed first to y^e Brethren of y^e Church and voted by y^m & yⁿ to y^e Congregation & voted by y^m as follows viz. That next Tuesday afternoon beginning at Three o y^e Clock should be spent for these Ends.

1. to give thanks to GOD for his mercifull preservation wⁿ y^o Earth was shaken in a terrible manner & for a considerable time.

2. to cry unto God y^t He would still spare us and this people.

3. That GOD would sanctifie to us this loud and awfull warning, and others also y^t He is giving of us at this Day, that we may so hearken, listen & attend to y^m as y^t there may be an abiding sincere & universal Reformation y^t GOD may be pleased for Christs sake to turn from y^e firmness of his anger, forgive our sins & prevent those awfull Judgments y^t we apprehend we have warning of & are impending over us.

Accordingly wⁿ y^e Day came June 5, 3 oclock afternoon y^r was a numerous assembly and a sermon (calculated to improve y^e present Dispensation of providence) was delivered from *Heb. 11. 7.* by faith Noah being warned of GOD, of things not seen as yet, moved wth fear prepared an ark to y^e saving of his House.

September 16. Joseph Cummings & Sarah his wife and Thomas Cummings (at their Desire) were dismissed from their special Relation to y^e chh: of Christ in Topsfield, and recommended to y^e Third Church of Christ in Ipswich.

December 9. Ephraim Kimball Jun^r owned y^e Covenant.

February 12, 1744-5. at a church Meeting in Topsfield after humble and fervent prayer to GOD, and also after a full and calm Debate y^e following vote was passed by a great majority viz. that y^e Rev^d M^r Whitefield be desired by this Church to preach in y^e Meeting House. Cap^t Perkins, Cap^t Wildes, M^r Luke Averell and Doctor Dexter were desired to wait upon y^e Rev^d M^r Whitefield with y^e chh. vote.

May 5. Joseph Perkins Jun^r and Sarah y^e wife of John Wildes Jun^r admitted into full Communion. Nathan^l Low dismissed from & recommended by y^e church of Christ in Wenham to y^e Church of Christ in Topsfield was accordingly received into y^e Communion of Topsfield Church.

May 12. George Stark and Sarah his wife owned y^e Covenant.

August 25. Sarah Jackson admitted into full Communion.

September 15. Abigail Hovey (now Killburn) at her Desire was dismissed from & recommended by y^e chh of Christ in Topsfield to y^e Christian Fellowship & Communion of y^e first Chh: of Christ in Rowley.

September 22. a Letter (after publick service) was read to y^e Brethren of y^e Chh: in Topsfield from y^e first chh: in Salem desiring their assistance in the ordination of M^r Leavitt by their Elder and Delegates: and I. voted y^t y^e Chh: would send as desired in y^e Letter from y^e said Chh: in Salem. II. yⁿ y^e chh: proceeded to make choice of Delegates or Messengers: and Deacons Peabody, Dwinell, Hovey and Cap^t Gould were made choice of.

November 15. at a Church Meeting in Topsfield the following articles were proposed to y^e chh: to consider of by their Pastor viz. 1. whether or no a Minister may not wth a good Conscience wthout giving offence to CHRIST or his People, seek a Dismission from such a people who refuse to support y^e Gospel among y^m tho often requested, provided y^e people be able. 2. Whether or no y^e people of Topsfield be not able to support y^e Gospell in a credible manner, but yet refuse to do it, tho often requested. 3. inasmuch as y^e money for some years past has not been made good, whether as a chh: you will do good endeavour that what is justly due, shall be paid, and also join wth y^e rest of y^e Town in buying my Dwelling House &c. 4. inasmuch as this people refuse to support y^e Gospel, whether y^e way be not now quite clear for me to seeke a Dismission from my Pastoral relation to y^m in a regular way: and whether I may not, if invited by any people, give some encouragement of preaching among them quickly. 5. whether or no, you will join in calling a Council, that I may be regularly dismissed: pro-

vided ye, Council apprehend y^e way to be clear, ye Town supporting y^e Council. Hereupon y^e chh: voted to adjourn to y^e Day 3 weeks from y^e Date above mentioned.

December 6. y^e Chh: met upon y^e adjournment and after reading y^e abovesaid articles it was put to vote whether y^e chh: would join in calling a Council: passed in y^e Negative, Nomine Contra dicente.

January 5, 1746. Joseph Cummins Jun^r owned y^e Covenant.

January 19. Elisha Cummings owned y^e Covenant.

February 23. Thomas Baker admitted into full Communion.

March 2. Mary Neeland y^e Daughter of Philip Neeland admitted into full Communion.

March 30. Elijah Porter owned y^e Covenant.

May 18. Eliezer Lake Jun^r and Sarah his wife owned y^e Covenant.

October 12. Robert Smith, Sam^l Phippen & Amee his wife owned y^e Covenant.

October 26. Benjamin Bixby and Ann his wife owned y^e Covenant.

November 7, 1746 at a Church Meeting in Topsfield y^e following votes were passed viz 1. That whereas Dudley Bradstreet & Isaac Cummings late of Topsfield Deceased did each of y^m in their last will & testament bequeath to y^e Church of CHRIST in Topsfield, several sums of Money for y^e use of s^d Chh: therefore voted y^t Deacon Peabody and Deacon Hovey be desired and impowered in y^e name, and on y^e Behalf of y^e said chh: of Topsfield, to receive y^e said Money, of ye Executors of y^e last wills of y^e said Bradstreet and Cummings Deceased: that is to say thirty Pounds old tenor, of y^e Executor of said Bradstreets will, and eighteen Pounds old tenor of y^e Executor of said Cummings's will, and give to y^e Executors a Receipt or Discharge in full, in y^e name of y^e chh: of Topsfield.

2. That whereas there is something wanting respecting y^e furniture of y^e Lords Table, therefore voted, that y^e Deacons be desired, to supply or mend what is deficient or broken, and to defray the charge hereof, to draw y^e money out of y^e aforesaid sums, and to keep y^e Remainder of said money, for y^e Chhs: use.

November 23. Recommended to y^e chh: of Christ in Topsfield, by y^e 2^d chh: of Christ in Boston John Bordman as one that had received his baptismal Covenant, and Elizabeth his wife in chh: Communion, and dismissed from their chh: Relation in Boston aforesaid, were accordingly received by y^e chh: of Topsfield:

December 7. Mary Neeland (now Abbot) according to her Desire was dismissed and recommended to y^e 2^d church of Christ in Andover, by y^e chh: of Christ in Topsfield.

Feb. 8, 1746-7. a Letter was read to y^e chh: of Topsfield, sent to y^m by y^e 2^d chh: in Groton desiring y^e assistance of y^r Elder and Messengers, in y^e ordination of M^r Joseph Pearson to y^e pastorall office, over said chh: in Groton. y^e chh: of Topsfield voted to send, and also chose Deacon Peabody and Cap^t Wildes to go as Messengers.

March 29. Anthony Potter owned y^e Covenant.

May 10. Nathan^{ll} Averell owned y^e Covenant.

May 24. Margarett y^e wife of Zebulun Wildes owned y^e Covenant.

June 14. John Lee=Favour owned y^e Covenant.

August 30. Nathan^{ll} Averell Jun^r Admitted into full Communion.

October 11. W^m Conant owned y^e Covenant.

October 25. Widow Anna Bradstreet admitted into full Communion.

November 1. a Letter from y^e South Chh: in Ipswich was read to y^e chh: of Topsfield desiring their assistance by their Elder and Messengers in y^e ordination of M^r John Walley to y^e pastorall office over said chh: in Ipswich. 1. voted to send according to y^e Desire expressed in y^e Letter Missive. 2. Deacon Peabody, Deacon Hovey, Cap^t Wildes, Cap^t Perkins and M^r Thomas Baker were chosen Delegates to go with y^e Elder on y^e important office.

November 15. Daniel Cummings and Mary his wife owned y^e Covenant.

Feb^r 14, 1747-8. Dorothy, wife of Elijah Porter being dismissed from, and recommended by y^e first chh: in York to y^e Christian Fellowship of y^e chh: in Topsfield, was accordingly Received into y^e s^d chh: of Topsfield.

June 26. Mary Dwinell admitted into full Communion.

August 28. Sarah Daughter of George Bixby admitted into full Communion.

November 6. Dorcas, y^e Daughter of Joseph Perkins admitted into full Communion.

November 27. James Andrews of Boxford owned y^e Covenant.

December 4. Stephen Gould of Boxford and Hannah his wife owned y^e Covenant.

December 11. Joshua Towne Jun^r owned y^e Covenant.

December 18. Ebeneser Averell and Mary his wife owned y^e Covenant.

January 22, 1749. Thomas Foster and Mehetabel his wife owned y^e Covenant.

March 1, 1748-9. at a Church Meeting in Topsfield y^e following votes were passed. viz. 1. Whereas y^e chh: stands endebted to y^e Deacons 10^l old Tenor for y^e Elements, voted y^t y^e Pastor be desired to give Publick Notice to y^e Chh: against y^e sacrament in May, & desire y^e chh: to contribute to raise s^d Money, to reimburse y^e Deacons. 2. Whereas each communicant gave 14^s old Tenor to defray y^e charge of ye Elements, but y^t is found not sufficient, therefore voted y^t each Member give 6^s old Tenor for y^e year ensuing, y^t is 3^s at each contribution. 3. whereas there is 42^l 3^s old tenor chh: stock in y^e Hands of Deacon Peabody & Deacon Hovey: voted y^t s^d Money for y^e year ensuing, be let out to Intrust by y^e Deacons for y^e use of y^e Church.

March 5. George Lesslie A. B. admitted into full Communion.

March 12. Hannah, wife of Sam^l Curtice at her Desire was dismissed & recommended by y^e chh: in Topsfield, to y^e Christian care watch & holy Fellowship of y^e chh in Oxford.

May 7. Joshua Balch and Sarah his wife owned y^e Covenant.

Seabrew a Negro servant, at his Desire was dismissed & Recommended by y^e chh of Christ in Topsfield to y^e Christian care watch & Holy Fellowship of y^e first chh of Christ in Newbury.

May 28. Thomas & Ezekiel Potter, John & Nehemiah Abbot dismissed & Recommended in order to be Embodied

wth sundry other Members into a distinct church at Line-Brook Parish.

September 17. Sam^l Towne Jun^r and Mary his wife owned y^e Covenant.

October 6. At a church meeting in Topsfield after prayer to God—1. voted to make choice of two Persons for Deacons. 2. upon sorting and Numbring y^e votes, it appeared y^t M^r George Bixby and Ensign Daniel Gould were chosen: who desired some time for consideration. 3. M^r George Lesslie was dismissed & Recommended to be Embodied wth others into a chh: at Line-Brook Parish.

October 8. Benjamin Woodbury and Elizabeth his wife owned y^e Covenant.

October 29. Nathaniel Boardman, Joseph Hale Third of Boxford and Priscilla Peabody admitted into full Communion.

November 5. ye chh: being stopped after Lecture voted 1. that Each Member next sacrament in January should contribute for y^e Elements 4 shillings old tenor. 2. Sam^l Howlett Jun^r, Martha & Mary Howlett were dismissed & recommended to y^e first chh: of Christ in Woodstock. two Letters Read to y^e Church: 1st. Letter Read which came from y^e 2^d Church in Lynn to assist in Council. 1. voted to send. 2. Deacon Hovey chosen a Delegate to go wth y^e Elder.

2^d Letter Read, which came from Line Brook Desiring assistance in ordination. 1. voted to send. 2. Delegates chosen. viz. Deacon Hovey, Cap^t Perkins, Cap^t Baker, Cap^t Wildes, M^r Matthew Peabody and M^r George Bixby.

November 16. The Result of y^e Council at Lynn-End Read to y^e Chh: in Topsfield.

December 10. Messieurs Bixby and Gould Deacons Elect manifested their acceptance, upon which by prayer they were commended to y^e Grace of GOD.

December 31. Susanna & Mary Potter dismissed & recommended to Line-brook Church.

January 7, 1749-50. Richard Marshall Jun^r Received into y^e Church of Topsfield being dismissed & recommended by y^e 3^d chh: in Ipswich.

April 29. Mehitable y^e wife of Tho^s Foster admitted into full Communion. Widow Conant owned y^e Covenant.

June 17. John Lampson and Anna his wife owned y^e Covenant.

June 24. Widow Martha Balch owned y^e Covenant.

July 1. Esther y^e wife of John Gould Received into y^e chh: of Topsfield being dismissed & recommended by y^e chh: in Dudley.

October 14. Daniel Lake owned y^e Covenant.

October 25. Read a Letter to y^e chh, sent from y^e chh: in Wenham desiring assistance in ordination. 1. voted to send. 2. Delegates chosen were Deacons Bixby & Gould, Cap^t Perkins, Cap^t Gould, Doctor Dexter & M^r Joseph Edwards.

October 28. Elijah Foster owned y^e Covenant.

January 6, 1750-51. Mary Neeland (now Abbot) dismissed & recommended to y^e chh: in Souhegan, also John Symonds dismissed & recommended to y^e west chh: in Haverhill.

February 24. Phebe Town by y^e chh: of Topsfield dismissed & recommended to y^e chh: in Quobbin.

March 3. a Letter from y^e first chh: in Boxford desiring assistance in Council read to y^e chh: & Left for consideration.

March 21. The said Letter as noticed March 3^d above from Boxford, read again: & y^e chh: of Topsfield voted 1. to send Delegates to Join and assist in Council, as mentioned in y^e Letter missive from y^e first chh: in Boxford. 2. Deacon Hovey, Deacon Bixby, Cap^t Gould & Deacon Gould were chosen.

April 14. Read to y^e Chh: y^e Result of y^e Council called by y^e first chh: in Boxford.

May 12. Widow Buzzell owned y^e Covenant.

July 21. David Cummings Jun^r and Anna his wife owned y^e Covenant.

December 15. Amos Wildes and Hannah his wife owned y^e Covenant.

February 23, 1752. Widow Lucy Perkins owned y^e Covenant.

1752. Hannah wife of Ebenezer Killam being dismissed

and Recommended by y^e 3^d chh: in Ipswich was admitted a Member in full Communion wth y^e [chh:] in Topsfield.

July 5. Nathan^l Smith owned y^e Covenant.

August 30. Thomas Baker Jun^r and Sarah his wife owned y^e Covenant.

October 15. Jacob Gould and Elizabeth his wife owned y^e Covenant.

November 5. Joseph Gould Jun^r admitted into full Communion.

December 3. Widow Lucy Perkins admitted into full Communion. Thomas Perkins Jun^r and Martha his wife owned y^e Covenant.

December 31. Mercy wife of David Perkins admitted into full Communion.

January 14, 1753. Tho^s Moore and Mary his wife owned y^e Covenant.

January 21. Samson a Negro serv^t man belonging to Doc^r Dexter owned y^e Covenant.

January 28. John Creed owned y^e Covenant.

February 25. Jane wife of Benjamin Woodbury admitted into full Communion.

April 15. David Perkins and Lydia Dwinell owned y^e Covenant.

May 20. Rebekah wife of Zacheus Gould admitted into full Communion.

May 27. y^e widow Mary Hovey (now wife of M^r Aquila Jewett) was dismissed & recommended to y^e first chh. of Christ in Rowley. also y^e Same Day Mercy, wife of Joseph Baker was dismissed & recommended to y^e chh. of Christ in Methuen.

June 17. Jacob Curtis & his wife owned y^e Cov^t.

June 24. Jonathan Towne and Esther his wife owned y^e Covenant.

August 5. Paul Averell dismissed and recommended to y^t Chh of Christ in Killinglee of which y^e Rev^d M^r Cabbot is Pastor.

August 12. David Balch Jun^r and Abigail the wife of Joseph Edwards owned y^e Covenant.

September 9. Robert Perkins, Bartholomew Dwinell & his wife owned y^e Covenant.

October 28. David Pricherd owned y^e Covenant.

December 30. Rebeckah Smith admitted into full Communion.

May 19, 1754. Eunice y^e wife of Stephen Perkins owned y^e Covenant.

July 7. Abraham Foster Jun^r by y^e chh at Topsfield dismissed & recommended to y^e 2^d chh in Rowley.

September 15. Sarah wife of Levi Andrews, in a Private House: that is gave her Consent to y^e Cov^t as y^e Scripture of it was propounded to her by word of mouth, the Reason of its being done privately, was her Ernest Repeated Desire of Baptism wⁿ to appearance was near to y^e Eternal world.

December 8. Sarah wife of Israel Davis owned y^e Covenant.

February 16, 1755. Moses Perkins and Anna his wife owned y^e Covenant.

March 16. Jeremiah Gallop, Joseph Majory and Hannah his wife owned y^e Covenant.

April 6. Paul Pricherd & his wife owned y^e Covenant.

April 20. Eli Towne and Elizabeth his wife owned y^e Covenant.

June 1. Enoch Perkins & Ruth his wife owned y^e Covenant.

June 8. Joseph Towne Jun^r and Elizabeth his wife owned y^e Covenant.

June 15. Abigail wife of Israel Herrick owned y^e Covenant.

June 29. Archelaus Dwinell & Martha his wife and Rebeckah wife of Peter Robinson owned y^e Covenant.

October 29. at a church meeting in Topsfield the following vote was passed, viz. That y^e Chh^s: money in Deacon Hoveys Hands which is 08=03=06 Lawfull Money, be delivered in to y^e Hands of Deacon Bixby and Deacon Gould, and by them let out for y^e Church's use, & that D. Bixby & D. Gould give to D. Hovey in y^e Chh^s: Name, a Discharge of s^d Sum.

November 20. The Receipt was given to D. Hovey by D. Bixby and Deacon Gould.

December 21. William Gallop and Hepsibah his wife owned y^e Covenant.

December 28. Samⁿ Tapley and Abiel his wife owned y^e Covenant.

January 4, 1756. Sarah wife of Aaron Hovey admitted into full Communion. Timothy Dorman and Eunice his wife: Huldah Tapley, Alexander Tapley and Hannah Martin owned y^e Covenant.

January 11. Wife of Benjamin Bayley owned y^e Covenant.

January 18. Jabez Towne Jun^r and Lydia his wife, Mary Cree, Sarah Cree, Phoebe Towne and Alce an Indian Woman owned y^e Covenant.

January 20. Ebenezer Curtis Jun^r on a week Day, & in a private House, being sick owned y^e Covenant.

January 25. Ruth Johnson owned y^e Covenant.

February 1. Prudence Towne, Anna Towne and Francis Towne owned y^e Covenant.

February 22. Tho^s Perkins 3^d and Dinah his wife owned y^e Covenant.

February 29. Anna wife of John Lampson 3^d admitted into full Communion.

March 7. Mary Gould admitted into full Communion. John Jacobs owned y^e Covenant.

March 14. W^m Hood & Mary his wife owned y^e Covenant.

April 4. Hannah wife of Amos Wildes, Mary wife of Archelaus Rea admitted into full Communion.

April 11. Richard Cree, John Back, and John Holdgate owned y^e Covenant.

April 25. Elijah Porter, widow Mary Clark, Elizabeth wife of Samuel Bradstreet, Anna wife of Edmund Putnam & Martha wife of Tho^s Perkins Jun^r admitted into full Communion.

July 4. Jacob Perkins Jun^r and Tho^s Symonds admitted into full Communion.

August 8. Jacob Perkins 3^d and Martha his wife owned y^e Covenant.

August 29. Sarah wife of Tho^s Baker Jun^r admitted into full Communion. Jacob Wildes and Martha his wife owned y^e Covenant.

September 12. Isaac Estey & Hannah his wife owned y^e Covenant.

December 12. Stephen Symonds admitted into full Communion.

March 2 [1757]. John Bradstreet and his wife were received into y^e chh of Topsfield upon their Dismission & Recommendation from y^e Chh. in Wenham.

March 21. Rebekah Gould (Formerly Bixby) was received into y^e Chh of Topsfield y^e Letter of her Dismission & Recommendation from y^e 2^d Chh in Boxford being read to y^e Brethren of Topsfield Chh.

May 1. Mary wife of Nathanⁿ Low admitted into full Communion.

June 26. Sarah wife of Cap^t Israel Davis admitted into full Communion.

August 21. Jacob Kimball & Priscilla his wife owned y^e Covenant.

October 9. Tho^s Kimball & Hannah his wife owned y^e Covenant.

October 16. John Peabody owned y^e Covenant.

October 30. Huldah Daughter of Israel Averell admitted into full Communion.

November 20. Hannah wife of John Peabody owned y^e Covenant.

February 26, 1758. Martha wife of John Cree admitted into full Communion.

March 1. The chh: of Topsfield voted y^t y^e contributions to defray y^e Charge of y^e Elements should be on y^e Sacrament Days in May and in November.

May 3. Esther wife of Philip Town dismissed & recommended by y^e chh: of Wenham was admitted into ye chh: in Topsfield.

July 2. Andrew Bradstreet dismissed and recommended by y^e chh: of Christ in Topsfield to y^e holy Communion, watch & Care of y^e Chh: of Christ in Biddeford.

July 28. Read a Letter to y^e Church from y^e 3^d Chh in Haverhill desiring assistance in an ecclesiasticall Council. 1. y^e Chh: voted to send. 2. Deacon Bixby was chose as a Delegate to go wth y^e Pastor.

Nov^{br} 5. Mary wife of John Perkins dismissed & recommended by y^e chh of Wenham was admitted into y^e chh: of Topsfield.

December 10. Tho^s Gould Jun^r owned ye Covenant.

January 5, 1759. at a church meeting in Topsfield a Letter was read to y^e chh: fro[m] y^e chh in Middleton desiring assistance in y^e ordination of M^r Elias Smith to y^e pastoral office in s^d Middleton. 1. y^e chh: in Topsfield voted to send. 2. voted y^t Deacon Bixby, Deacon Gould & Cap^t Tobijah Perkins should go as Delegates to accompan[y] y^e Pastor on s^d important off[ice].

January 21. Sam^l Cumings and Eunice his wife owned y^e Covenant.

January 28. Read a Letter to y^e Chh: in Topsfield from y^e first chh: in Boxford desiring assistance in y^e ordination of M^r Elizur Holyoak to y^e Pastorall office over s^d first chh: in Boxford & y^e Parrish also. 1. y^e chh: in Topsfield voted to send. 2. Delegates chosen to accompany y^e Elder were Deacon Bixby, Deacon Gould, Lieu^t Lampson and Doctor Richerd Dexter.

April 15. Joseph Hale 3^d & Sarah his wife were dismissed and recommended by y^e Chh of Christ in Topsfield to y^e holy Communion Christian watch & Fellowship of y^e first chh of Christ in Boxford.

June 3. Stephen Symonds dismissed & recommended by y^e Church of Christ in Topsfield to y^e holy Communion Christian watch and Care of y^e first Church of Christ in Boxford.

December 9. Kezia y^e wife of Amos Perkins admitted into full Communion. Joseph Andrew & Dorothy his wife owned y^e Covenant.

May 4, 1760. Mary Bixby (now Baker) dismissed & recommended by y^e chh of Topsfield to y^e first Chh in Salisbury.

May 11. Dan^l Averell & Joanna his wife owned y^e Covenant.

August 3. Mark How dismissed & recommended by y^e chh in Topsfield to y^e chh in Line=Brook Parrish. also a Letter from some aggrieved Brethren in y^e West Parrish in Haverhill desiring assistance in Council read to y^e Chh. considered, debated upon & then dismissed.

October 18. Tho^s Howlett owned y^e Covenant.

October 19. Molly Hooper owned y^e Covenant.

April 26, 1761. Mary wife of J^{no} Jacobs owned y^e Covenant.

May 24. Pheebe, wife of Eliezer Gould dismissed & recommended by y^e chh in Topsfield to y^e chh in Douglass.

September 20. Read a Letter to y^e chh in Topsfield, from y^e chh: in y^e West Parrish in Haverhill and by a vote of s^d Parrish desiring assistance in Council Respecting y^e Difference long subsisting between y^e Pastor & People. The affair was left for consideration.

Octob^r 4. Read y^e Letter Missive 2^d time from Haverhill West Parrish to y^e chh. in Topsfield desiring assistance in Council. The chh: of Topsfield voted to send: y^e Delegates chosen were Deacon Bixby, Cap^t Tho^s Baker, Doct^r Dexter & M^r Elijah Porter. Tho but two of y^e above named accompanied y^e Pastor, viz Deacon Bixby & Cap^t Baker.

October 11. After publick Service read in Publick y^e Result of y^e ecclesiasticall Council in Haverhill West=Parish.

November 8. Davis Howlett and Mary his wife owned y^e Covenant.

March 14, 1762. Stephen Hovey owned y^e Covenant.

April 11. J^{no} Baker, Jun^r and Mary his wife owned y^e Covenant.

May 9. Solomon Gould Jun^r and his wife owned y^e Covenant.

June 13, 1762. Sarah, wife of Cap^t Israel Davis of Danvers, was dismissed and recommended by y^e chh in Topsfield to y^e second Chh in Danvers.

July 18. Read a Letter from y^e fifth Parrish in Newbury, desiring assistance in Council, to embody a Number of members into a Chh: Being put to vote it passed in y^e Negative. Nomine contra dicent[e].

August 22. Read a Letter to y^e Brethren of y^e chh: from y^e new gathered chh: in y^e fifth Parrish in Newbury, desiring assistance in Council to install y^e Rev^d M^r Noble—y^e affair was left for consideration.

August 29. The Letter above mentioned read a 2^d time to y^e Chh: who voted to send: M^r Elijah Porter and Cap^t Tobijah Perkins were chosen Delegates to go wth y^e Pastor, Deacon Bixby was also chosen but excused himself.

Septemb^r 19. Isaac Averell & Priscilla his wife owned y^e Covenant.

Septem^r 26. Tho^s Wildes and his wife owned y^e Covenant.

October 31. Elijah Clarke & wife owned y^e Covenant.

November 14. Rebekah wife of Tho^s Hodgdon.

February 20, 1763. Read a Letter to y^e Chh: from y^e first Chh in Lynn desiring assistance in y^e ordination of M^r Jn^o Treadwill to y^e pastoral office over s^d first chh in Lynn. I. y^e chh of Topsfield voted to send to their assistance, as specified in y^e Letter missive. II. Delegates were chosen, viz Doct^r Richard Dexter, Deacon George Bixby & Cap^t Tho^s Baker.

March 27. Anna, wife of Tho^s Gould Jun^r owned y^e Covenant.

April 27. The chh: voted as follows, viz I. That y^e Money given to y^e chh in Topsfield be called in. II. That y^e Deacons be desired and impowered to call in s^d money.

May 29. Widow Mary Clarke admitted into full Communion.

June 1. y^e Church in Topsfield passed y^e following vote, viz That y^e money given to y^e chh of Topsfield, be by y^e Deacons of s^d Chh laid out (as far as it will go) to purchase a silver vessel or vessels for y^e LORD'S Table.

June 26. Susanna Daughter of Cornitt David Cummings admitted into full Communion.

July 3. Sarah, wife of Tho^s Baker Jun^r dismissed & recommended by y^e chh in Topsfield to y^e Chh in Keen.

October 9. Stephen Foster Jun^r and Abigail his wife owned y^e Covenant.

October 23. John Jacobs and Mary his wife admitted into full Communion. Read a Letter to y^e chh in Topsfi[eld] from y^e chh in y^e fifth Parrish in Newbury desiring assistance in council. 1. y^e chh in Topsfield voted to send, according to y^e Desire in y^e Letter missive. 2. Chose Delegates, viz Deacon Bixby & M^r Elijah Porter.

November 6. Dan^l Hood and Ruth his wife owned y^e Covenant.

December 4. Sam^l Bradstreet & Ruth his wife, Nathan Hood Jun^r & Mary his wife owned y^e Covenant.

January 5, 1764. At a chh meeting in Topsfield y^e following votes were passed, viz 1. That y^e Deacons wth y^e Chh^e Money, should buy two silver Kans for y^e LORD'S Table. 2. That y^e Deacons sell three old pewter Tankers that were used at y^e Communion Table. 3. That y^e Pastor be desired (y^e Sabbath preceeding y^e next Lecture) in y^e name of y^e chh, to desire y^e Congregation after y^e Lecture is over, to tarry and consult wth y^e Chh about choosing some Person, or Persons to set y^e Psalm when Cap^t Averell is absent.

January 8. Abigail wife of Stephen Hovey owned y^e Covenant.

February 5. Mary wife of Jn^o Hood owned y^e Covenant.

February 19. Sam^l Harris and Abigail his wife owned y^e Covenant.

February 26. Joseph Perkins and Anna his wife owned y^e Covenant.

March 13. M^r Moses Perkins and M^r Jacob Kimball were by y^e Brethren of y^e chh and also of y^e Congregation chosen to set y^e Psalm. Also voted y^t y^e s^d Perkins & Kimball set in y^e Elder's Seat.

April 15. Stephen Towne Jun^r and Sarah wife of Elijah Dwinell owned y^e Covenant.

April 22. Tho^s Cummings Jun^r and Lois his wife owned y^e Covenant.

April 29. Sam^l Cree and Stephen Perkins Jun^r owned y^e Covenant

May 13. Solomon Curtis and Vashti his Wife owned y^e Covenant.

August 5. Edmund Towne owned y^e Covenant.

August 13. Read a Letter from y^e church in Byfie[ld] to y^e church in Topsfield, desiring assistance in an ecclesiastical Council: Left wth y^e Chh for consideration to y^e next Sabbath after Service.

August 19. 1. y^e chh according to y^e Letter read on y^e 13th instant voted to send Delegates to accompany y^e Pastor and assist in Council wth other Churches at Byfield. 2. Delegates chosen were Deacon Bixby, Cap^t Tobijah Perkins and M^r Elijah Porter.

August 29. Whereas money is wanted for y^e Elements the Brethren of y^e chh in Topsfield voted as follows viz that besides y^e contributions to defray y^e charge of y^e Elements, there should be a contribution of y^e chh on September next, 9th Day, each member to give 3 shillings old Tenor, & y^t y^e chh be notified of it, September y^e 2^d which is y^e Sabbath preceeding y^e Sabbath for y^e s^d Contribution.

September 30. Stephen Foster admitted into full Communion. Read to y^e Chh of Topsfield the Result of an ecclesiasticall Council in Byfield.

November 4. Cap^t Tho^s Cummings dismissed & recommended by y^e 3^d Chh in Ipswich was admitted into y^e chh of Topsfield.

December 2. Rebekah Edwards (now Tuttle) at her Desire was by y^e Chh in Topsfield, dismissed & recommended to y^e chh in Montacue.

February 10, 1765. Jacob Kimball admitted into full Communion. Read a Letter from y^e 2^d Parrish in Ipswich to y^e chh in Topsfield, desiring assistance in Council, there were also five Brethren of y^e chh in said 2^d Parish y^t signed y^e Letter missive who Joined wth y^e Parrish. The Brethren of y^e chh in Topsfield after some Discourse upon y^e affair, voted as follows, viz. 1. that they would send y^e Delegates. 2. Deacon Bixby, Cap^t Tho^s Baker, and M^r Elijah Porter were made choice of as Delegates to accompany the Pastor.

February 24. The chh made choice of Doct^r Dexter to go as a Delegate to y^e 2^d Parish in Ipswich in y^e Room of M^r Elijah Porter not able at present to go. But y^e Doct^r declining Liev^t Averell was made choice of, who accepted.

April 7. Amos Porter owned y^e Covenant.

May 19. Read a Letter to y^e chh from y^e Rev^d M^r Porter of Chebacco, put s^d Letter to vote, whether ye chh would have a meeting & act anything upon it & it passed in y^e Negative.

June 9. Nathan^l Fiske and Lydia his wife owned y^e Covenant. Read to y^e chh & congregation y^e Result of an ecclesiasticall Council at Chebacco in Ipswich.

June 30. Read a Letter to y^e chh from y^e Chh in New Plymouth to desire assistance (wth other chhs) in y^e ordina-

tion of M^r Nathan Ward to be their Pastor: The Letter not acted upon, but left for Consideration.

July 7. The chh had some conference upon y^e Letter read to y^m on June 30, 1765, and being put to vote whether y^e chh would assist in y^e ordination as desired in s^d Letter, & it passed in y^e Negative, Nomine Contra dicente.

July 31. The chh voted y^t two Tanker[d]s (not now wanted for y^e Communion Table) y^t y^e Deacons be desired to sell y^m, and y^e purchase money be put to y^e Chhs stock.

September 22. Abraham Hobbs Jun^r and Elizabeth his wife owned y^e Covenant. Read a Letter to y^e chh in Topsfield from the South Chh in Ipswich desiring assistance wth other chhs in y^e ordination of M^r Dana. 1. y^e chh voted to send Delegates. 2. the Delegates made choice of were Cap^t Perkins, Cap^t Baker & Deacon Gould.

September 29. Susanna Cumings (now Susanna Towne) at her Desire, was dismissed and recommended by y^e chh of Christ in Topsfield to y^e Chh of Christ in New Ipswich.

October 27. Read a Letter from y^e South Chh in Ipswich desiring assistance in Council. The Chh in Topsfield voted a compliance wth y^e Desire in s^d Letter.

December 22. Read a Letter from y^e chh of Christ in Concord, to y^e Chh of Christ in Topsfield, desiring their assistance by their Pastor & Delegates wth other Chhs to ordain M^r W^m Emerson Pastor of y^e chh and congregation in Concord. The Chh in Topsfield voted a compliance wth y^e Desire in y^e Letter missive. Delegates were chosen, viz Deacon Bixby, M^r Elijah Porter, M^r Jacob Kimball & Liev^t Luke Averell. N. B. Deacon Bixby excused himself because of y^e distance of y^e way.

May 18, 1766. John May and Charity his wife owned y^e Covenant.

July 6. Jeremiah Towne Jun^r owned y^e Covenant.

September 3. Abigail, wife of Jonathan Stanley, at her Desire, was dismissed and recommended by the chh of Topsfield, to the Chh in Rowley=Canada.

October 12. Elizabeth Robinson owned y^e Covenant.

October 19. Isaac Hobbs and Susanna his wife owned y^e Covenant.

November 30. Sam^l Perkins and Dorothy his wife, Philip Thomas and Mary his wife owned y^e Covenant.

March 22, 1767. Read to y^e chh of Topsfield a Letter from some Members of y^e first Chh in Newbury on behalf of themselves & many of y^e Congregation desiring assistance in Council: The affair was left for farther consideration.

March 30. Chh Meeting in Topsfield. 1. The chh chose M^r John Gould to y^e office of a Deacon, who accepted. 2. Read y^e Letter from Newbury, as above mentioned. The Chh voted upon it, and voted to send Delegates, wth y^e Pastor: Deacon Bixby, and Cap^t Tobijah Perkins were chose, but excused themselves: Then M^r Elijah Porter and Deacon John Gould were chose, who consented.

April 19. Read to y^e chh in Topsfield, Letters or Messages from y^e Rev^d M^r Tucker Pastor of y^e first chh in Newbury, and also from Some Brethren of s^d chh: the Design of which Letters or Messages, were to prevent going to Council at s^d Newbury on y^e Adjournment. Notwithstanding y^e chh in Topsfield desired by a vote, that their Pastor with the Delegates would attend on the Adjournment.

April 26. Mary wife of John Baker Jun^r admitted into full Communion. Read to y^e chh in Topsfield (and also to y^e Congregation, as many as saw Cause to attend) y^e Result of y^e Ecclesiastical Council at Newbury.

May 31. John Bacheller Jun^r owned y^e Covenant.

June 7. Nathan^{ll} Averell Jun^r owned y^e Covenant.

October 11. Read a Letter from y^e Third Chh in Haverhill, to ye Chh in Topsfield, desiring assistance wth other Chh^s to ordain M^r Joseph Hillard Pastor of y^e s^d 3^d Chh in Haverhill: The affair left for farther Consideration.

October 18. Aaron Estey Jun^r owned y^e Covenant.

October 25. Read y^e Letter from y^e 3^d chh in Haverhill to y^e chh in Topsfield, 2^d Time. 1. y^e chh voted a Compliance, as specified in s^d Letter. 2. Delegates chosen, viz. Deacon Gould, Deacon Bixby & Cap^t Baker.

January 31, 1768. Richard Potter & Lydia his wife owned y^e Covenant.

March 13. Jacob Hobbs owned y^e Covenant.

May 22. Nathan^{ll} Thomas and Esther his wife owned y^e Covenant. Read a Letter from y^e chh in Boscawen to y^e chh in Topsfield desiring assistance in an ordination Council not acted upon, But left for further Consideration.

June 5. John Balch Jun^r and Sarah his wife owned y^e Covenant.

June 12. The vote was put to y^e chh, whether they would send assistance to y^e intended ordination, as desired in y^e Letter missive from y^e chh in Boscawen, and it passed in y^e Negative.

June 30. Read to y^e chh of Topsfield a Letter from y^e 5th Chh in Newbury, desireing assistance in Council. I. The chh. in Topsfield voted to send. II. Delegates chosen to accompany y^e Pastor were Deacon Bixby, Deacon Gould, Cap^t Baker & M^r Stephen Foster.

July 24. Jacob Towne & Elizabeth his wife owned y^e Covenant.

August 14. Joseph Hood and Dorcas his wife owned y^e Covenant.

August 28. Daniel Bixby admitted into full Communion. Asa Gould and Asa Smith & Elizabeth y^e wife of s^d Smith owned y^e Covenant.

September 18. from y^e Chh in Boscawen Read a Letter to y^e chh in Topsfield desireing assistance in an ordination Council at s^d Boscawen. The chh in Topsfield voted according to y^e Desire in y^e Letter missive & Choose Delegates to accompany the Pastor, viz Deacon Gould, Cap^t Thomas Baker & Liev^t Luke Averell.

February 9, 1769. John Dwinell owned y^e Covenant.

April 30. Mary wife of Samuel Cree owned y^e Covenant.

October 15. John Gould Jun^r & Elizabeth his wife owned y^e Covenant.

October 29: Anna Estey admitted into full Communion.

January 7, 1770. Joseph Perkins and Mary his wife dismissed from y^e chh of Christ in Topsfield, and recommended to the first chh of Christ in Malden.

February 11. Benjⁿ Kimball & Hannah his wife owned y^e Covenant.

April 15. Henry Bradstreet & Abigail his wife owned y^e Covenant. Read a Letter from a new Society in Bradford, to y^e Chh in Topsfield, desireing Assistance in Council, put to vote, but passed in y^e Negative.

June 17. Elisha Perkins and Jane his wife owned y^e Covenant.

July 15. Robert Balch & Hannah his wife owned y^e Covenant.

February 24, 1771. Nathanⁿ Porter, A. B: graduated at Harvard College.

May 26. Jane, wife of Benjⁿ Woodbury was dismissed & recommended to y^e chh in Shirley.

June 9. Benjⁿ Bixby Jun^r & Peggy his wife & Oliver Towne owned y^e Covenant.

June 23. Anna Whittinggam owned y^e Covenant.

August 25. Elizabeth wife of Joseph Gould owned y^e Covenant.

Decemb^r 1. Samuel Clarke owned y^e Covenant.

Decemb^r 22. Cornelius Balch owned y^e Covenant.

March 8, 1772. Asahel Smith & Mary his wife, Oliver Perkins & Lucy his wife owned y^e Covenant.

May 3. Anna wife of Samuel Clarke owned y^e Covenant.

June 14. Daniel Clarke & Hannah his wife owned y^e Covenant.

June 20. Samⁿ Page and Molly his Wife owned y^e Covenant.

August 23. Will^m Fessenden, A. M: graduated at Harvard College.

November 15. Abel Perkins and Mary his wife owned y^e Covenant.

January 10, 1773. Solomon Dodge Jun^r & Sarah his wife owned y^e Covenant.

January 17. Sarah wife of Daniel Lake, dismissed & recommended to y^e chh in Rindge.

February 28. John Balch admitted into full Communion.

March 21. Mary, wife of Elnathan Hubbard owned y^e Covenant.

March 28. David Towne Jun^r & Susanna his wife owned y^e Covenant.

April 11. Daniel Bixby Jun^r owned y^e Covenant.

April 25. John Dwinell owned y^e Covenant.

April 28. The chh voted as follows. 1. that y^e chh stock be laid out towards purchasing a silver Tankard for y^e LORDS Table. 2. The Chh voted, that they wou'd contri-

bute on y^e 2^d Sabbath in May next, from y^e Date above to make up what might be farther wanted, to purchase s^d Tankard.

July 4. Mehetabel, wife of John Perkins, 3^d owned y^e Covenant. The Chh dismissed & recommended Joseph Hovey and his wife to y^e Communion of y^e chh in Hopkinton.

August 29. Sam^l Fisk & Sarah his wife, also Anna Towne, Daughter of Stephen Towne owned y^e Covenant.

September 1. Nathan^l Porter a Member of y^e chh in Topsfield, at his Desire was dismissed & recommended, in order to be admitted into a chh to be gathered in New=Durham. Read a Letter to y^e Chh in Topsfield from y^e Brethren in New=Durham desiring Assistance in y^e ordination of M^r Nathan^l Porter. 1. y^e Chh voted to send as desired in y^e Letter missive. 2. M^r Elijah Porter & Deacon John Gould were chosen Delegates to accompany y^e Pastor.

October 10. Dorcas Towne, Daughter of Stephen Towne owned y^e Covenant.

October 24. Daniel Bixby Jun^r admitted into full Communion. Widow Sarah Fiske owned y^e Covenant.

October 31. Mehetabel, wife of Cornelius Balch owned y^e Covenant.

November 14. Nehemiah Towne & Lucy his wife owned y^e Covenant.

December 19. Israel Clarke Jun^r & Ruth his wife owned y^e Covenant.

May 15, 1774 were admitted into y^e Chh: Cap^t Sam^l Smith, Simon Gould & Elizabeth Peabody. Widow Sarah Towne owned y^e Covenant.

July 3. Sarah Bixby wife of George Bixby and Jean the wife of Simon Gould admitted into full Communion.

December 13, 1776. At a meeting of the Chh. of Christ in Topsfield after solemn prayer to God the Father of light for direction: the chh proceeded. first made Choice of the Rev^d M^r George Leslie Moderator. Secondly Chose Samuel Smith to Serve them as Clerke. Then the Church voted to adjourn said meeting to y^e 18th Instant to 2 oClock afternoon on said day.

December 18. The Chh being meet together Revnd M^r George Leslie moderator proceeded and brought in their votes for a Deacon and it appeared on counting and sorting the votes that M^r Solomon Dodge was Chosen.

January 19, 1777. M^r Solomon Dodges Answer was read to y^e chh after the Publick Service was over which is as followeth viz To the Brethren of this Chh Inasmuch as the Brethren of this Church, at their meeting ware pleased to make Choice of me to the office of a Deacon, and desired me to take it under Consideration and give my answer in writing at some future day, accordingly I have Considered of the affair & realized my unworthyness and unfitness, Together with my Infirmy of body and I think it is my duty Prudence to give my A[n]swer in the Negative, hoping this Church will be directed to the Choice of one much more Suitable and Capable of that office, by a more fuller Choice, which is the Earnest desire of your unworthy Brother in the Church. Solomon Dodge.

August 25, 1778. Att a meeting of the Church in Topsfield being pressingly notified to make Choice of two deacons The Church brought in their votes and it Appeared on Counting and Sorting the votes that Maj^r Joseph Gould was Chosen 2^dly the Church b[r]ought in their votes for another deacon and on Counting & Sorting the votes it appeared that M^r Stephen Foster was Chosen, who have both accepted. 3^{ly} The Church agreed to Sell one of the old pewter Tankards that was not of present use, to Deacon George Bixby for the Sum of Twenty one Shillings to be appropriated for the use of s^d chh.

October 15, 1778. Att a meeting of the Church of Christ in Topsfield it being previously agreed upon and appointed, to see if the Church will agree to give M^r M[a]ththew Scribner who has preached the gospel a Considerable time in this Town an Invitation to Settle in this Town in the work of the Gospel ministry among us. The Church being mett 1ly Deacon George Bixby moderator, 2ly a motion was made that a question Should be put to se[e] if it was the Church's mind to give M^r Matthew Scribner an Invitation to Settle in the work of the Gospel ministry in this town and after Sum discourse, The question was put and it Passed in the affirma-

tive 20 members being at said meeting 15 yeas & 5 nays. 3^{ly}. It was put to vote to se[e] if it was the Chhs Desire that the Selectmen Should Call a town meeting to se[e] if the town will Concur with the Churches vote and it passed in the Affirmative, 4 of said Selectmen being present. 4^{ly} It was then put to vote to se[e] if it was the Chhs mind that the town meeting Should be next Thursday and it passed in the Affirmative.

May 12, 1779. Att a meeting of the Church of Christ in Topsfield to se[e] if the Church would agree to give M^r Daniel Breck who has preached in said Town for som time, an Invitation to settle in said town in y^e work of y^e gospel ministry. Said meeting being previously appointed for that purpose. The Church being meat together at y^e meeting House 1^{ly} Deacon George Bixby was Chosen Moderator for said meeting. 2^{ly} a motion was made to se[e] if y^e Church would agree to give M^r Daniel Breck an Invitation to Settle in this town in y^e work of y^e gospel ministry and being put to vote and it passed in y^e Affirmative Provided he would agree to Settle Agreeable to the regulations of Church Government in the Church Platforme Agreed upon by y^e the assembly of divines at Cambridge and Established by the generall Court. 3^{ly} Deacon George Bixby, Deacon Joseph Gould and M^r Solomon Dodge was chosen a Comitty to Acquaint M^r Breck of y^e Churchs Proceedings and to lay the above votes before him, and to receive his answer and to lay the Same before y^e Church at the Adjournment of this meetinge. Then said meeting was adjourned to the first Tuesday of June next to three of y^e Clock after noon.

Att a Church meeting in Topsfield held by Adjournment from May y^e 12th: 1779 to the first day of June following the Church being meat and made Choise of Deacon Foster for their moderator in the room of Deacon Bixby who was then Absent. M^r Breck being then present and read his answer. And after some discourse it was put to vote to se[e] if M^r Brecks Answer was so far agreeable to the Churchs mind as that they could Strictly Adhere to their former vote in giving him a Call to Settle in the work of the gossell Ministry amongst us and it Unanimously passed in y^e affirmative. M^r Brecks Answer follows.

To the Church of Christ in Topsfield Honored and Beloved—Agreeable to your request in the late votes of your Church for the resettlement of the gospel ministry I would return an answer relative to Church government as laid down in y^e Platforme referred to in y^e above mentioned votes. Having examined with som care and attention the said Platforme, I cannot perceive anything of Consequence Sufficient to prevent my Settling in the work of the gospel ministry agreeable to its Regulations. I have in view more particularly that part of the Platforme that relates to the Subject of Baptism, which appears in generall, consonant to the rules of the gospel. I conceive there is a foundation here for the purity and Prosperity of the Church of Christ. All baptized persons are considered as members of the Church and Intitled to all the Ordinances & priviliges of y^e Church: And when duly qualified may enjoy them, and in consequence of their being members of the Church and Intled to all its Ordinances & priviledges they are likewise Subject to the rules & government of the Church, Agreeable proposition third in said platforme, this I conceive to be the Important object that demands Attention; and which if properly regarded and attended to would be greatly for the intrest of religion and the promotion of the Cause of Christ. Wishing you y^e constant presence of the greate head of the Church to lead & direct you; increase your number & make you prosperous and flourishing I Subscribe my Self: Your Servant in our Common Lord,

Daniel Breck.

Topsfield, June y^e 1st: 1779.

June 27. Mary, y^e wife of Zebulon Perkins owned y^e Covenant.

July 4. Eliezer Lake Jun^r & Mary his wife owned y^e Covenant.

September 20. Att a Church meeting in Topsfield It being previously appointed by s^d Chh to agree upon a time for y^e ordaining M^r Daniel Breck to the pastoral office and ministerial Care and Charge of y^e Church and Congregation in this town 1^{ly} Deacon Joseph Gould was chosen moderator. 2^{ly} the Chh agreed and Appointed Wednesday the Seventeenth day of November next to be y^e day for Ordaining M^r Daniel Breck. 3^{ly} The Church Agreed to Send letters mis-

sive to nine Churches for their assistance in Council in ordaining M^r Breck. 4^{ly} The Church Agreed that M^r Breck if he see Cause Should make Choice of one half the Council, M^r Breck being present made Choice of only three viz of the Revnd M^r Lothrop Pastor of the Church of the old north so Call^d in Boston, and of the Revnd M^r Fisk Pastor of the Church of the West Parish in Brookfield. and of Treadwell Pastor of the first Parish in Lynn. The Church then made Choice of the Revnd M^r Dana Pastor of the Church of the Parish in Ipswich, & of M^r Lesslie Pastor of the Church of Lynebrook Parish in Ipswich, and of M^r Holyoke Pastor of the Church of the first Parish in Boxford, and of M^r Wadsworth Pastor of the Church of the first Parish in Danvers, and of M^r Chandler Pastor of the Chh of the Second Parish in Rowley and of M^r Parsons Pastor of the Chh at Byfield. 5^{ly} The Church made Choice of Sam^l Smith, M^r Solomon Dodge, and of Deacon Stephen Foster a Com^{tee} to desire the Selectmen to Call a Town meeting, and also for said Com^{tee} to [present] the Churches votes before the town for their Concurance and in case the town Shall Concur with the Church in their votes, said Com^{tee} are to Cause Letters missive to be sent to the Severall Ministers and Churches desiring their Assistance in Council in the Ordination proposed &c The Com^{tee} Haveing Sent Letters to the Several ministers and Churches above proposed.

On the 17th day of November 1779 came the Revnd Chandler of Rowley west Parish; and the Revnd George Lesslie of LyneBrook Parish in Ipswich, And the Revnd Elizur Holyoake Pastor of the first Parish in Boxford, and the Revnd Lothrop Pastor of the Church of the old North (so call^d) in Boston, and the Revnd John Treadwell Pastor of the first Church in Lynn, and the Revnd Benj^a Wadsworth Pastor of the first Parish in Danvers, with their Delegates. The Solemnity began with Prayer. M^r Treadwell was the mouth of y^e Congregation M^r Lothrop Preached the Sermon from the 2nd of Corinthians 4th Chapter & the 5th verse, for we Preach not our Selves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your Servents, for Jesus Sake. M^r Lesslie gave the Charge. M^r Holyoak gave the Right hand of fellowship. M^r Chandler Pray^d. Afterwards a Suitable Hyme was Sung, and the Blessing given and the Solemnity Concluded.

Decem^r 12, 1779. Elizabeth the wife of Deacon Joseph Gould admitted into full Communion.

January 16, 1780. The Church tarried after divine service to consult in regard to y^e propriety of exhibiting Relations, in admitting persons to Full Communion. And it was voted that this should not be considered a term of Communion, but that every person who was to be permitted might act his pleasure in this matter.

Jan^r 30. Eliezer Lake & his wife Sarah, The widow Ruth Cree and Mary Bixbee, Elizabeth, a daughter of Deacon Joseph Gould, admitted into full Communion.

May 14. Mary the wife of Moses Connant admitted into full Communion. Sarah, y^e wife of the Rev^d Matthew Scribner was dismissed, & recommended by this Chh to the Chh of Christ in Westford.

May 24. A meeting of the Chh in order to consult whether it be not necessary to reconsider the above vote of Jan^r 16, & having said much upon it voted to adjourn y^e meeting to Monday June 19.

June 19. The Chh met upon adjournment, & spent some time in expressing their sentiments respecting the propriety of havin[g] relations agreeable to their former practice, but did not conclude upon anything unless to adjourn y^e Meeting to y^e next Monday June 25.

June 25. The Chh met upon s^d adjournment & having conversed upon y^e subject above mentioned a vote was put to know the minds of the Brethren relative to their continuing in the present mode in admitting persons to full Comⁿ or adopting their form & method, & y^e chh were equally divided, there being eight for the present mode & eight for the former. Then a vote was put after this form viz whether those who are admitted into full Comⁿ shall assent to a Confession of Faith which shall be drawn up agreeable to the mind of the Chh. & it passed in the negative. It was then voted that a Committee should be appointed to wait on the absent Brethren, to know their mind with respect to the mode of proceeding in admitting persons to full comⁿ, whether to practice in the former or present method, & to abide by their determination. Accordingly M^r Solomon Dodge & Jacob Kimball were chosen for that purpose.

July 2. The brethren of y^e Chh tarried after divine service & received y^e report of y^e Com^{tee} above mentioned w^{ch} was, that there were a majority for having y^e vote that was passed for altering y^e method of admitting persons to full Comⁿ reconsidered & to proceed in y^e former method. Upon this the meeting was dissolved.

Decem^r 31. Ruth, a daughter of Deacon. Dan^l Gould admitted into full Communion.

Jan^y 14, 1781. The brethren of y^e Chh tarried after Divine service & passed a vote to have private lectures set up & for a sermon to be preached as opportunity shall offer, at on or other of their houses, on account of the gloomy state of religion among us, the frowns of GOD upon the land &c.

June 26. A meeting of the Chh to make choice of a Deacon. Accordingly having looked to God for his presence & direction, there appeared to be a clear & full vote for M^r Solomon Dodge to that office, who accepted.

August 16. The Church met, to consult what measures were proper to take in admitting a man & his wife to own the Covenant (having some difficulties in my own mind respecting their admission). Having paid some attention to this (which was a singular case) the meeting was adjourned to the 22^d.

August 22. The brethren met & much being said respecting the qualifications requisite in order to own the Covenant; and not being agreed upon any thing the meeting was adjourned to Sep^r the 7th

Sep^r 7. Met & conversed upon several things relating to the present state of the chh & the qualifications suitable for Church membership, & not being able as yet to come to a determination, the meeting was adjourned to the 25th.

Sep^r 25. Met & paid further attention to this matter. But the Chh concluding it was best to furnish a precedent, for them as a chh to examine persons with respect to their qualifications to own the Covenant (as I had proposed in this instance, however) but to leave it as usual with the pastor, the meeting was dissolved.

Jan^y 6, 1782. John Gould Jun^r & Ruth the wife of Daniel Hood admitted into full Communion.

March 10. Priscilla the wife of Isaac Averell admitted into full Communion.

May 5. Daniel Dodge admitted into full Communion.

Sep^r 8. Anna y^e wife of Thomas Symons admitted into full Communion.

Oct^r 13. Mary y^e wife of Steven Towne and Esther & Eliz^h Gould, daughters of Deacon John Gould deceased.

Nov. 10. Mehitabel wife of Cornelious Balch & Anna wife of Zaccheus Gould Jun^r admitted into full Communion. On y^e same day was received Abraham Foster as recommended by y^e 2^d Chh of Christ in Rowley with a removal of his relation.

Decem^r 1, 1782. Read a letter to the Chh after Divine service, from the Rev Sam^l Hopkins of New Port, requesting assistance in behalf of his Chh, to repair their Meeting house which had been exceedingly injured in the course of this distressing & calamitous war; and the distresses of that town so great as obliged them to solicit charitable contributions from a number of Churches. This Chh voted that there should be a general contribution proposed which was done accordingly.

L. D. Feb^r 16, 1783. The Brethren tarried after Divine service and it was proposed there should be a meeting of the Chh to attend to the state of *Discipline* among us: which has been for a long time greatly neglected. A meeting was accordingly appointed Feb. 27. The Brethren of y^e Chh met, & began with prayer, supplicating for guidance & direction from the Father of Lights in the importance affairs before us. After much had been said upon our distressing & melancholy state as a Chh, particularly in regard to the *Government* of it, it was moved that something should be drawn up in writing relative to this matter, & to be laid before the congregation. A vote was accordingly passed for that purpose and the meeting was adjourned to March 5th.

March 5. (After lecture) the address was read & accepted and there was a unanimous vote for its being laid before the congregation and likewise for a *Fast*, being held on the 19th Ins^t in order to humble ourselves before GOD for past neglects & deficiencies in duty in general, in a special manner in regard to Christian watchfulness, the Spirit of which has been in a manner lost.

L. D. 9 P. M. Read the address to the congregation, & acquainted them with the appointed of the Chh relative to a day of Fasting & requested their attendance.

March 19. This day was set apart for the special purposes above mentioned. We were favoured with the assistance of the Rev: M^r Dana & the Rev^d M^r Frisbie of Ipswich. The first preached a very proper & seasonable discourse from Jerem 50, 4 & 5 and the other a very suitable & profitable one from Rev. 3, 2. The address was read again in the afternoon and the exercises & services of GODS house were finished with solemnity and in a promising & hopeful manner. The address is inserted in several of y^e follow^s pag[es].

The address of the Church of Topsfield to the Congregation at large—more especially to the Non-Communicants who have recognized the name & authority of Jesus Christ. Brethren in the profession of the gospel and in the bonds of Gods holy Covenant. When we take into consideration the deplorable state of our land, in regard to the melancholy decline of religion, we must acknowledge it to be the indispen^{ble} duty of all Gods professing people, to do everything in their power that appears well calculated to promote a reformation of manners & true piety.

With this view several Churches in various parts of the country have, of late made attempts to revise the Discipline of Gods house and it has thro' Divine goodness been attended with a remarkable blessing, in the revival of dying & decaying religion. This example has been followed by some of the neighbouring churches who have by prayer & fasting besought the Lord to crown their endeavours with the like success.

The Church of Christ in this place, taking this matter into serious consideration, reflecting upon the sad neglect this land in general, & we in particular have been guilty of with respect to keeping a strict brotherly friendly & Christian watch over one another, & those in Covenant with us, have unanimously agreed that there is something for us to do as the keepers of our Lords vineyard, which may afford a happier prospect of insuring his blessing than has lately appeared.

With a humble dependance upon the Great Head of the church, for his gracious assistance, we have resolved to pay a stricter regard to our Covenant promises & engagements. That as we have unreservedly given ourselves to the Great God, to be intirely his, to love & obey him sincerely & faithfully (according to his will revealed to us in his word) against all temptations of y^e devil y^e world & y^e flesh, that as we have promised subjection to the government of his Chh, to promote his worship in our families, follow our callings peceably, live inoffensively, & by our good example & zeal, to provoke others to good works: in a word as we have promised to watch over one another with a spirit of meekness, love & tenderness, & to continue our ardent prayers for each other, we will be more engaged to perform these our vows.

From the experience of all Gods people in every age of the world, and more especially from our own observation & experience in the present degenerate age, we perceive the importance of those injunctions of our blessed Lord & his Apostles, *Watch, Pray without ceasing, Be sober, be vigilant, because your adversary the devil, as a roving lion, walketh about seeking whom he may devour. Love ye one another with a pure heart fervently. See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time because the days are evil. Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God. Finally my brethen be strong in the Lord & in the power of his might. Put on the whole armor of God &c.* But how alarming will such language as this be if applied to us. the language of him who is said to have the Seven Spirits of God, & the Seven Stars. *I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest & art dead. Be watchful & strengthen ye things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God. Remember therefore how thou hast received & heard & hold fast & repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief & thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.* These things we conceive to be written for our warning & admonition. And as we consider ourselves in a peculiar manner bound to an observance

of them, so we would recommend them to the special attention & observance of all those who are professedly in covenant, & likewise to all those who have been baptized into Christ. And further, since we cannot but consider all such as under covenant bonds, we are persuaded it will be esteemed our indispe[n]sable duty to remind them of these their obligations, & call upon them for a compliance. Is there any one who would be willing publickly to renounce his Baptism, & all connection with Jesus Christ & if not, what one is there who would refuse submission to his authority, duly exercised in his Chhs. We would once more observe that altho we consider ourselves bound, as far as in us lies, to support the laws of Christ's kingdom, yet we wish to be dictated by that prudence, tenderness & affection which become the gospel of our merciful & compassionate Saviour. We earnestly desire & pray that a reformation may take place among us; that every one that nameth the name of Christ may depart from iniquity. We heartily wish to see those who have laid themselves under covenant bonds, engaged to submit to Christ in all his ordinances—to obey that plain command, *Do this in remembrance of me*. And we sincerely wish to see parents in general engaged to give up themselves & their children to God, & to ensure the blessings of his gracious covenant.

Let us all unitedly engage to reform whatever is amiss, & to strengthen the things that remain, that are ready to die. Let us resolve upon a strict adherence to all personal & relative duties. And here we would particularly recommend secret & family prayer which we fear is much neglected. And also faithful attention to the religious education of our children. Let integrity & honesty, brotherly kindness & charity, & whatever is lovely & of good report, mark every part of our conduct & behaviour. In fine, let us according to that divine injunction of the Apostle Peter, add to our faith virtue, & to virtue knowledge, & to knowledge temperance, & to temperance patience, & to patience godliness, and to godliness brotherly kindness, charity, that these things being & abounding in us, make us that we shall neither be barren nor unfruitful, in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

These things we have unanimously agreed to lay before you, ardently supplicating the God of all grace for his smiles upon our endeavours to advance the kingdom of his dear son. Amen.

April 14. The Chh met in order to consult upon the expediency of appointing a Committee to carry into execution their late resolves, respecting the revival of discipline. Having paid some attention to this matter the Meeting was adjourned to the 21st.

April 21. Met by Adjourn^t & voted that it was expedient a Com^{tee} should be chosen for the purpose above mentioned. But it not being so unanimous a vote as was to be desired in an affair of this kind, it was thought proper not to proceed to a choice immediately, but to attend further to the matter & see whether we could not be more generally agreed. The meeting was therefore adjourned to y^e 30th.

April 30. Tarried after lecture, & voted that some instructions be drawn up for the Com^{tee} that should be chosen, & which at the same time might set forth the particular end & design of chusing a Com^{tee} or rather the particular business of the Com^{tee} which was to be chosen. The Meeting was then adjourned to May y^e 8th.

May 4. Elizabeth, daughter of John Perkins admitted into full Communion.

May 8. The Chh met by adjourn^t & a number of Articles containing the instructions above referred to, were read to them, but so few of the brethren were present it was judgd advisable not to act decisively upon anything and the meeting was adjourned to 19th.

May 19. The Chh met by adjourn^t & voted to receive what had been drawn up respecting the business of the Com^{tee} to be chosen, and then proceeded to chuse the following persons of whom the Com^{tee} was to consist (there being a larger majority for chusing a Com^{tee} than in the first vote) viz The Pastor & the two Deacons, Deacon Joseph Gould & Deacon Solomon Dodge, Samuel Smith Esq^r & M^r Eleazer Lake. It was also voted that this Com^{tee} should stand till the first day of Nov^r next. The Chh voted at the same meeting that the Deacons should apply to M^r Oliver Perkins for £6 :13 :4 which was left to the Chh by M^r Ja-

cob Perkins & that it should be put to interest during the Churches pleasure. The Articles which con[tain] the Com^{ttee}s instructions see upon y^e next page. The following sets forth the particular design & business of a Committee chosen by the Church May y^e 19, 1783.

The Church of Christ in this place having of late judged it expedient to adopt certain measures for reviving that spirit of Government & Discipline, so much recommended in the sacred scriptures, think it necessary (after the example of many other Churches) to chuse a Com^{ttee}, in order to promote so important a design, the purpose & business of which Com^{ttee} will appear in the following instructions.

1st. We wish in this measure, most carefully to guard against whatever might militate with the exercise of that authority which belongs immediately to the chh and which ought not to be dispensed with, or committed to others.

2^{ly} It is foreign from our intentions in this appointment, to interfere with that which is manifestly declared to be the right & privilege of every individual member, a particular instance of this we have in the 18 chap^r of Mat: 15, 16 & 17 ver[ses]. In this method of dealing with one another, we are to suppose there is both a privilege & duty. Every brother therefore who is justly offended at the conduct of another, shall be considered not merely as having a *right*, but as indispensably *bound* to admonish, & require satisfaction. And if he does not obtain satisfaction in taking the first step, he shall proceed as the gospel directs, & take with him one or two more (and whom he pleases) and so go on, if need be to the third step, without any particular regard to the Com^{ttee}.
But

3^{ly} The Committee shall attend to the complaint & charges that are exhibited against the conduct of fellow members and enquire into the nature & grounds of them, & so proceed & determine agreeable to their best judgment. But no member shall be permitted to bring an accusation against a fellow member to the Com^{ttee}, provided he has been knowing personally to the conduct, which is sufficient matter of accusation, since this would be contrary to the rule above mentioned. Unless it be so scandalous, & at the same time so publicly known that it shall be judged to be duty to acquaint the Com^{ttee} with it.

4^{ly} Every member is to be considered as giving occasion of offence who does not enter a complaint to the Com^{ttee} in any of these cases, having sufficient evidence to support his charge, And likewise in neglecting to take any other regular steps, when manifestly called to it.

5^{ly} If upon proper conviction of the faults or crimes alleged against any member, the Com^{ttee} cannot obtain satisfaction, they shall proceed, as soon as may be, when manifestly called to it.

6^{ly} The Com^{ttee} shall determine what *acknowledgments* ought to be made for offences committed, whether they shall be private or publick not interfering with any practice or custom established in this Chh.

7^{ly} The Com^{ttee} shall consider themselves under obligations to attend to the complaints & charges that are brought against *any* of the members of the Chh, whether communicants or *Non-commu^{ts}*: All such persons being looked upon as members, who are under the bonds of the Covenant.

8^{ly} We recommend all that mildness, moderation & tenderness, which is consistent with the faithful discharge of so important a trust.

9^{ly} We conceive ourselves bound as the friends & servants of Jesus Christ, to support the Com^{ttee} which shall be appointed for these important purposes, so far as they conduct agreeable to the rules & instructions herein prescribed.

L. D. August 3, 1783. The brethren tarried after Divine service, & agreed to meet the Thursday following 4 O Clock P. M. in order to attend to certain matters to be laid before the Chh.

Aug^t 7. The Chh met, & voted 1. That Deacon Joseph Gould & M^r Abra^m Foster be a Committee to wait upon M^r Will^m Gallop & acquaint him if it is the desire of this Chh he would be present at the next meeting to answer to certain charges. 2. That M^r Eleazer Lake & M^r Isaac Averell be a Com^{ttee} to wait upon M^r David Balch Jun^r & acquaint him it is y^e desire of this chh he w^d be present at the next meeting to answer to certain Charges. The Meeting was adjourned to Thurs^y the 21 Ins^t.

August 21. The brethren having attended to the report of the Com^{ttees} appointed at the last meeting voted 1. That

John Gould Jun^r in the room of M^r Isaac Averell & M^r Eleazer Lake be a Com^{ttee} to serve M^r David Balch Jun^r with a copy of the charges exhibited against him, & inform him, it is the desire of this chh he would be present at the next meeting to answer to them. 2. That M^r Will^m Gallops conduct towards the com^{ttee} sent to him by the Chh, was manifestly contempt of the authority of this Chh, & refusing to hear them. And 3. That the censure of admonition be administered to him for the same. The meeting was adjourned to the first Wednesday in Sep^r next, immediately after y^e stated lecture P. M.

Sep^r 3. The Chh having received the report of the Com^{ttee} sent to M^r Balch, voted That the Rev^d M^r Dana preside at this meeting, while those things which particularly concern M^r Balch & the Pastor, be attended to and that the Rev^d M^r Frisbie be present to advise, in case it be needed. Both of those gentlemen were pleased to consent to it. The charges against M^r Balch were then read by y^e Rev^d M^r Dana, the substance of which charges was defamation of the Pastors character. But M^r Balchs refusing to acknowledge the authority & jurisdiction of y^e Chh, things were left in an unsettled state. The Rev M^r Dana, having withdrawn, the pastor resumed his seat as Moderator, & y^e Chh voted That Deacon Joseph Gould & M^r Abra^m Foster serve M^r Will^m Gallop with a copy of the charges brought against him at different times. Adjourned to the 18 Inst.

Sep^r 7. Martha, daughter of Abra^m Foster admitted into full Communion.

Sep^r 18. The Chh voted, 1. That the pastor write to M^r Gallop & acquaint him with the nature of admonitions as administered in y^e Chh of Christ. Mess^{rs} Simon Gould & Nathan Hood were chosen to wait upon M^r Gallop with the letter that should be wrote. Voted 2. That certain proposals be drawn up, in order to the settling of the difficulties subsisting between the pastor & M^r Balch, & be laid before the Chh at the next meeting. Then adjourned to the 21 Ins^t.

Sep^r 21. The proposals referred above were read, & the Chh voted that a copy of them be sent to M^r Balch. M^r Jacob Kimball & Deacon Solomon Dodge were chosen a Com^{ttee} to serve him with a copy of them. Adjourned to Oct^r 2^d.

Oct. 2. Attended to the reports of the Com^{tees} and adjourned to this day fortnight.

Oct. 16. M^r Gallop still refusing to submit to the authority of this Chh, therefore voted that a public admonition be administered to him as soon as it shall be convenient for the pastor. Deacon Solomon Dodge & Sam^l Smith Esq^r were appointed a Com^{tee} to notify M^r Gallop of the time (when signified to them by the pastor) that he may be present. At the same meeting voted that the pastor ask David Balch Jun^r (who was present) whether he continues of the same mind expressed heretofore, relative to his disregard of the authority & jurisdiction of this Chh. M^r Balch being questioned as to this matter, the brethren voted that there is sufficient evidence exhibited that he disregards the authority & jurisdiction of this Chh and therefore voted that an admonition be administered to him for the same. The meeting was adjourned to the 29 Ins^t.

Oct^r 29. Voted that Mess^{rs} John Gould Jun^r & Dan^l Bixby be a Com^{tee} to acquaint M^r Balch when an admonition is to be administered to him. Adjourned to morrow three weeks.

L. D. Nov^r 9. After Divine service read a letter to the brethren from David Balch Jun^r. Voted that the pastor write an answer to it and that the Chh meet on Tuesday next.

Nov^r 11. Read the answer to M^r Balches letter, & adjourned to Thursday sen night

Nov^r 20. Adjourned to Tuesday next.

Nov^r 25. Passed the following votes. 1. That a Copy of the answer to M^r Balches letter be sent to him. 2. That it was their mind reasonable satisfaction was given in it, for the conduct of the pastor,* referred to in M^r Balches letter. 3. That those things that were considered a matter of ag-grievance by the Pastor & M^r Balch should be submitted to an ecclesiastical Council mutually chosen by them. 4. That M^r Balch return an answer to the Church at the adjourn^t of

*The conduct of the Pastor was his making certain proposals to Mr Balch wcd Balch complained of as unfair, in his letter to the Chh : & promised to come into any proposal yy should make if he had satisfactory reasons for such conduct. The satisfaction given by the Pastor to Mr Balch was his shewing ye propriety of his making such proposals.

the next meeting. Adjourned to the first thursday in next month.

Decem^r 4. Met & adiourned to this day fortnight.

Decem^r 7. Daniel Gould & wife admitted into full Communion.

Decem. 16. The brethren being generally at Town meeting, & it being inconvenient to meet on y^e 18, voted that the Chh meeting be adjourned to the 28 Inst.

L. D. 28. The brethren tarried after divine service, & voted to adjourn to the morrow sev'n night.

Jan^y 5, 1784. Read a letter from M^r David Balch Jun^r & adjourned to the first Monday in Feb^y next.

L. D. Feb^y 1. The brethren were desired to adjourn to the 8 Ins^t.

L. D. Feb. 8. After Divine service A. M. the brethren tarried & voted that the wife of Cap^t Nehemiah Herrick, might on account of her declining state, as soon as may be, have the ordinance of Baptism administred to her, at her own house, & be received into full Communion with this Chh and for her children to receive baptism at the same time. After Divine service P. M. a letter was read, which was from the aggrieved brethren of the Church in Salem, of which the Rev^d Nathan^l Whittaker was Pastor, requesting assistance in Council. Voted 1. To send according to y^e desire in y^e letter missive. 2. Deacon Joseph Gould & M^r Jacob Kimball, were chosen Delegates. Adjourned y^e meeting to Monday sev night.

Feb^r 16. So few present that it was thought best to adjourn to L. D. 29 Ins^t.

Feb^y 19. Merriam wife of Cap^t Nehemiah Herrick admitted into full Communion.

L. D. Feb. 29. The weather so extremely severe that nothing relative to the Chh meeting attended to.

L. D. March 7. The brethren tarried after Divine Service & adjourned to the morrow fornnight.

March 22. The Chh met & paid some attention to our present difficult & embarassed circumstances, respecting Chh government or discipline and adjourned the meeting to this day three weeks.

April 12. The Brethren voted that the advice of the Association of which y^e pastor of this Chh is a member be asked relative to our present difficulties & Adjourned to Wed^y fortnight, immediately after Lecture.

April 28. The Church met, & Voted, 1. That agreeable to the advice of an Association, lately consulted by us, the assistance of an Ecclesiastical Council is necessary in the present circumstances of this Chh particularly in an attention to the unhappy difficulties which have for some time subsisted between the Pastor of this Chh & David Balch Jun^r and also to whatever matters this Chh shall think expedient to lay before them. 2^{ly} That M^r Balch be desired to join with this Chh in mutually choosing a Council, for the purposes aforesaid. 3^{ly} That if M^r Balch shall decline this proposal, this Chh proceed as soon as may be to choose a Council themselves.

Samuel Smith Esq^r, M^r Eleazer Lake & Deacon Solomon Dodge were chosen a Committee to serve M^r Balch with a Copy of the above votes, & to desire him to return an answer at the adjournment of the meeting. Adjourned to the 17th of next month.

May 2. Daniel Hood and Sarah wife of Benjⁿ Hood admitted to full Communion.

May 17. The brethren met, & having received an answer from M^r Balch in the negative, proceeded agreeably to the third resolve passed at the last Meeting. Voted 1. The particular reasons to be set forth in the Letters missive, which made the assistance of a Council necessary, viz. The difficulties that have for some time subsisted between our pastor & one of his flock, & the late proceedings of this Chh relative to Chh government or discipline. To which was added and to any other matters, it may be thought expedient to lay before you. 2. That the council consist of seven churches. The seven following chhs were then chosen viz. The churches of Christ in Ipswich, of which the Rev^d Mess^{rs} Cleveland, Dana & Frisbie are pastors. The Chh of Christ in Andover of which the Rev^d M^r French is pastor. The Chh of Christ in Newbury-Port of which the Rev^d M^r Spring is pastor. The Chh of Christ in Newbury of which the Rev M^r Tappan is pastor, & the Chh of Christ in Haverhill of

which the Rev M^r Adams is pastor. 3. That the house of M^r Tho^s Porter be appointed for the Council to meet at—4. That the time for their meeting be the third Tuesday in next month.

L. D. May 23. The brethren tarried after Divine service P. M. and it was proposed that an amendment, should be made in y^e Letters Missive, to this purport, viz. That, instead of specifying the particular reasons why the assistance & advice of Sister Chhs was necessary, they should be expressed in general terms and this appearing agreeable to the minds of the brethren, the amendment was accordingly made.

L. D. June 20. The brethren tarried after Divine service P. M. & appointed a meeting the next Tuesday two O Clock P. M.

June 22. Agreeably, to the request of the Chh. in the Letters missive, the Pastors & Delegates of the Churches written to, Convened at the house appointed, and formed into Council. The Chh met & adjourned to the same house and there voted that the following articles be communicated to s^d Council, viz. 1. a state of the Difficulty between M^r Breck Pastor of s^d Chh & M^r David Balch Jun^r. 2. The Method in which the s^d Chh have proceeded with him. 3. Whether in such procedure, as to principle, the Chh have conducted agreeable to the gospel? 4. Whether M^r Brecks Character has been unjustly aspersed by M^r Balch? 5. To take a[d]vice what further steps the Chh ought to take with reference to him. 6. To lay before the Council the Case of M^r Gallop. 7. To desire the advice of Council respecting what method the Chh ought to take, in future, with respect to Discipline in general.

The pastor & Samuel Smith Esq^r were chosen a Com^{ttee} to wait upon the Council with the above. At the same time M^r John Bradstreet & Deacon Solomon Dodge, were chosen a Com^{ttee} to notify M^r David Balch Jun^r that the Council was convened. And Mess^{rs} Jacob Kimball & Daniel Bixbe were chosen to give M^r Will^m Gallop the same information. Adjourned, together with the Council to the meeting house. The remainder of this & the whole of the next day was taken up in a public hearing of those matters that related to above

articles. On Thursday P. M. The Rev^d M^r French preached a very good & suitable discourse from 1 Pet. 2, 3. "If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious." The brethren tarried afterwards and attended to the proposals from the Council relative to M^r Gallops conduct & the Chh's proceedings with him. See in the result page Voted, to accept them and that M^r Gallop be received on his properly acknowledging what was here recommended. Voted that his acknowledgemen[t] was not a proper acknowledgment. Adjourned the meeting to next day at 10 O Clock.

Friday June 25. M^r Gallop appeared & made the following acknowledgement Viz. I am free to acknowledge, that in several instances yesterday I treated M^r Breck, the Chh & Council, in an unchristian manner and ask their forgiveness. Voted, to accept of it and to restore him, agreeably to the proposals referred to above. Soon after, the Council came to the Meeting house, & the result was read. Upon their having withdrawn, the brethren voted, that their thanks be presented to the Council for their Christian labors & services among us. The pastor & two Deacons were chosen to wait upon them for this purpose. The same day, P. M. the Council was dissolved.

L. D. June 27. The Rev^d M^e Frisbie, at my request, desired the Brethren to tarry after Divine service A. M. to pay some further attention to y^e result of y^e late Council. The following was left by him in writing.

Sir—Agreeably to the Request expressed within, I desired the Brethren of the Chh to tarry after divine Service was ended in the forenoon & proposed to them in the 1st place whether it was their desire that the Result of the ecclesiastical Council which had sitten here last week should be read to them; and they voted in the Affirmative. I then desired if any of them had any objection against its being read they would please to signify it. But no objection was signified. I therefore read the Result according to their desire and after it was read proposed to them in the 2^d place whether they approved & accepted it. Voted in the affirmative, desired if any had any objections they would please to signify them. No objections were made. 3^{ly} Proposed whether it was the desire of the Chh that the Result should

be read on the Wednesday following to the Congregation in public after Lecture. Voted in the affirmative.

Yours &c

Levi Frisbie

Rev^d Daniel Breck.

Sep^r 5. Lydia, wife of Nathanael Fisk & Eunice, wife of Benjⁿ Emerson admitted into full Communion.

Sep^r 27. The brethren met in order to take into consideration some matters relative to ye result of ye late Council, but it was judged best not to act upon them at present. Adjourned to this day three weeks.

October 3. Mary, wife of John Hood admitted into full Communion. Read a Letter to ye Chh from the first Chh of Christ in Amesbury to desire assistance (with other Chhs) in the Ordination of M^r Benjaⁿ Bell to be their Pastor. Voted 1st To send. 2^d Delegates were appointed, viz. Deacon Joseph Gould, Samuel Smith Esq^r & Deacon Solomon Dodge.

Oct. 18. But few of the brethren met at the time of Adjourn^t and it appearing to be the general sense of the Chh that it was best to suspend, for a while, acting upon those matters, they were left for future consideration.

Nov^r 7. David Perkins and his son David Perkins Jun^r & his wife admitted into full Communion.

March 20, 1785. Samuel & Abigail his wife admitted into full Communion.

July 3. Admitted into full Communion, Tabitha Fisk.

Sep^r 4. John Lamson admitted into full Communion.

Oct^r 9. (L. D.) The Chh voted a Dismission to John Jacobs and a recommendation to the 2^d Chh in Sutton. A Letter was then read from the Chh of Christ in Stoneham requesting assistance (with other Churches) in the ordination of M^r John Cleaveland Jun^r to be their Pastor. Voted to send and Deacon Joseph Gould & Sam^l Smith Esq^r were chosen Delegates. A letter was likewise read from the Chh of Christ in Salem usually meeting in the Tabernacle, desiring assistance from this Chh in setting apart to ye work of ye gospel ministry, the Rev^d Joshua Spalding. Voted to send. The Delegates chosen were Mess^{rs} Jacob Kimball & Isaac Averill.

Oct^r 30. Ezra Perkins & Eliz^h his wife admitted into full Communion.

May 15, 1786. The brethren of the Chh met to take into consideration the expediency of making an alteration with respect to ye stated seasons for celebrating ye Lords Supper. Voted that, instead of its being once in two months, the year thro', it be once in six weeks from the first Sabbath in April to Decem^r: and that it be omitted in the winter season, & the month of March on account of the inconvenience there is then usually of attending. Voted 2^{ly} That a *Lecture* be preached on the third Wednes^y in February annually.

July 2. Jemima Fisk admitted into full Communion.

Nov^r 12. Abraham Foster Jun^r & Abigail his wife admitted into full Communion.

Feb^y 18, 1787. The Chh Voted a Dismission to Mary Wife of Stephen Towne, & a recommendaⁿ to the Chh of Christ in Sunderland, State of Vermont.

July 1. Read a Letter of Recommendation of Joseph Cummings by the Chh of Christ in Marlborough (N. Hamps^e) to the Chh of Christ in Keene, in order to his enjoying occasionally, Chh privileges in this place, and a Vote being asked whether the recomⁿ was satisfactory, it passed in the Negative.

L. D. August 12. The brethren tarried after Divine service and voted 1st To attend further to M^r Cumming's request to enjoy Chh privileges. 2 To hold a meeting for that purpose on the day of the next stated Lecture immediately after divine service.

Sep^r 17. The brethren tarried after lecture & there being a thin meeting adjourned to the 27 Ins^t

Sep^r 23. A Letter was read from the 2 Chh of Christ in Beverly to the Chh of Christ in Topsfield, desiring assistance with other Chhs, in ye ordination of M^r Daniel Oliver to be their Pastor. Voted to send agreeably to their desire and Deacon Dodge, Deacon Gould & M^r Jacob Kimball were chosen delegates.

Sep^r 27. The Church voted that M^r Joseph Cummings be desired to get a Letter of recommendation from the Chh of Christ in Marlborough or the Chh of Christ in Keene to this Chh.

November 2. The brethren took into consideration a recommendation of Ruth Porter, wife of Thomas Porter, from

the Chh of Christ in Salem of which the Rev^d William Bentley is Pastor & Voted it to be satisfactory in preparing the way for her being propounded for full communion with this Chh. In the next place a Remonstrance was read to the brethren against the measures a number had adopted for the dismissal of the pastor from his ministerial office in this place, & it was voted unanimously that it should be presented to the town. There were thirteen present when this vote was passed. It was afterwards signed by Eighteen of the brethren & the rest of them declared their disapprobation of those measures.

Nov^r 18. Elizabeth, wife of Abra^m Hobbs & Ruth, wife of Thomas Porter admitted to full Communion. The brethren Voted a dismission to Daniel Hood & wife, & a recommendation to the chh of Christ in Wilton, N. Hampshire. They likewise Voted that the congregation be invited to join in setting apart Wednesday the 5th of Decem^r next, as a day of humiliation & prayer on account of the melancholy situation of this town.

Decem^r 17. Read a Letter to the Chh from the Chh of Christ in Byfield to desire assistance, with other Chhs, in the ordination of M^r Elijah Parish to be their Pastor. Voted to send agreeably to their desire and Deacon Gould, Deacon Dodge & M^r David Perkins were chosen Delegates.

Feb^r 20, 1788. The brethren of the Chh tarried after Lecture, & chose a Committee to sign with ye Pastor, Letters missive to the Churches which were chosen mutually by the pastor & the town, for the purpose of deliberating upon & deciding matters of difficulty subsisting between him & a number of ye inhabitants. M^r Zaccheus Gould, Deacon Gould & Deacon Dodge were chosen for this Comm^{tee}.

Feb^r 24. Aaron Kneeland & Hannah his wife admitted into full Communion.

March 18. The pastors & delegates of the following Churches met for the purpose aforesaid, viz. the Chh in Salem under the pastoral care of the Rev^d M^r Barnard, ye Churches in Ipswich under the pastoral care of the Rev^d Mess^{rs} Dana, Cutter & Frisbie, the Church in Newbury-Port under the pastoral care of the Rev^d M^r Spring, the Chh in Lynn under the pastoral care of the Rev^d M^r Parsons, & the Chh in Beverly

under the pastoral care of the Rev^d M^r McKeen. These Churches having met according to desire, at the house of M^r Samuel Hood, formed into an Ecclesiastical Council, chose the Rev^d M^r Dana Moderator & the Rev^d M^r Parsons scribe, opened with prayer, & by desire of the Chh proceeded to the meeting house & went into a publick hearing of the difficulties between the Rev^d M^r Breck & some of the inhabitants of the town, a general view of which was exhibited to the Council by a Committee of the Town in some papers containing matters of charge against the Rev Daniel Breck. For further particulars vide Reports. After the Council was formed, the Church voted that the two Deacons & M^r Zaccheus Gould be a committee to make such representations to the Council as should be deemed necessary.

March 27. Mess^{rs} David Perkins & Daniel Bixby were chosen by the Chh as an addition to this Committee.

May 14. The brethren of the Chh tarried after Lecture when the pastor asked a dismission from his pastoral relation to this Chh. It was judged proper to take this under consideration, & the meeting was adjourned to the 22 Ins^t.

May 22. The Chh met & paid further attention to the pastors request, but not yet considering the way clear to grant this, they appointed a Committee to draw up a dismission & recommendation to be laid before the Chh at their next meeting that it might be prepared, should the Chh be clear in granting it. Deacon Gould, Mess^{rs} Jacob Kimball & Daniel Bixby were chosen for the purpose.

May 26. The Chh met, & having attended to the renewal of the pastors request for a dismission, consented to it, & voted an acceptance of what the Com^{tee} had prepared as a recommendation. They then proceeded to the choice of M^r Jacob Kimball as Clerk, to record the votes of the Chh, and having in a very affectionate & solemn manner united in prayer, the pastor & brethren, parted.

Voted unanimously that the following Letter of Recommendation be Signed By the moderator In the Name of the Council. Whereas an Ecclesiastical Council Conven'd at topsfield In the County of Essex Commonwealth of masachusetts on the 18 of March 1788 advised the Rev Daniel Breck To ask a Dismission from his pastoral relation to the Church

& Congregation in said Town. This may Certify all persons to whom it may Be presented That the Said M^r Breck was not advised to ask the afore Mentioned dismission on account of any Charges supported against his moral or ministerial Character & Conversation. But solely on account of Some unhappy Difficulties Which had arisen Between him and a number of His people and forbid the prospect of his future usefulness In this place for it appeared to the Council from a Critical examination of all matters & Charges Submitted to their Consideration & decission that M^r Breck had Uniformly Supported the Character of an Upright pious and faithfull minister of the gospel and as Such he is Recommended to the Benevolent attention of all persons & people among whom he may be Conversant or Bestow his ministerial laboring

In the name of the Council

Joseph Dana moderator

Topsfield march 29th D 1788.

A Cobby of M^r Brecks Request.

To the Church of Christ in Topsfield Honoured and Beloved Permit me to renew my request for a Dismission from my pastoral relation to this Church. My reasons for this I doubt not you Conceive to be Sufficient to Justify Me in it, the Defeculties which have arisen in the Town have appeared so great in the view of the late Respectful Council as to Make a Seperation Necessary. They have accordingly advised to this and it has bin Explicitely, Consented to by the Town and Me. And now brethren I commend you to God and the word of his grace which is able to build you up and to give you an inhearatance among all them that are Santified. May the Greate Shephard of Israel lead you and watch over you as a beloved Flock and provid for you a pasture after his own hart who May be for a long time a rich and Valuable blessing to you. Earnestly Desiring an intrest in your prears I Subscribe my Self Veary affectiantly yours in the faith and fallowship of the gospale

Daniel Breck.

Topsfield May 26, 1788.

April 21, 1789. At a chh meeting, eighteen members present, Voted that M^r Asahel Huntington be the Pastor of this chh, to perform all the services of a Minister. But one Dissenter. Voted That a committee be chosen to ask the selectmen to call a town meeting, to see if the town will concur with the vote of the chh, in their choice of M^r Huntington to be their Minister. Voted that the committee consist of three viz Deacon Solomon Dodge, Deacon Joseph Gould, & Mr David Perkins.

Elizur Holyoke Moderator.

September 23, 1789. At a chh meeting, which was previously appointed, for the purpose of choosing a council to ordain M^r Huntington, & for assigning the Day for his ordination. Voted 1st That, if it be agreeable to the Town, Thursday the 12th day of November next be the day for the ordination of M^r Huntington. Voted 2^{dly} That M^r Huntington, if he pleased, should choose one half the council. M^r Huntington chose the Rev^d M^r Hart of Preston, Connecticut, The Rev^d M^r Nott of Franklin, Connecticut, The Rev^d M^r Dana of Ipswich, The Rev^d M^r Smith of Middletown and the Rev M^r Parish of Byfield. The Chh chose The Rev^d Mess^{rs} Cleaveland, Frisbie & Cutler of Ipswich. The Rev^d M^r Holyoke of Boxford. The Rev^d M^r French of Andover, The Rev^d M^r Wadsworth of Danvers & the Rev^d M^r Oliver of Beverly.

Voted 3^{dly} That a committee be chosen to lay the votes of the chh before the town for their concurrence, & in case they concur, That s^d committee, shall, in behalf of the chh, send letters missive to the Churches of which the above named Gentlemen are Pastors, requesting their assistance in council, for the purpose of ordaining M^r Huntington.

Deacon Joseph Gould, M^r Daniel Bixby, & M^r Jacob Kimball were chosen a Committee for the above mentioned purpose.

Nov 9, 1789. At a chh meeting, on M^r Huntington's producing a certificate of his membership & regular standing in the chh at Dartmouth College,—Voted that he be received into the communion of this Chh.

November 12, 1789. This day convened the Reverend Gentlemen before requested to sit in Council (M^r Oliver ex-

cepted) with the delegates of their churches, & ordained M^r Asahel Huntington to the pastoral office in this place.

M^r Nott made the introductory prayer, M^r Hart Preached a sermon from Heb. 12th 1st "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses." M^r Smith made the consecrating prayer. M^r Cleaveland gave the charge, M^r Holyoke gave the right hand of Fellowship, M^r Dana made the concluding prayer.

Confession of Faith adopted by the Church of Christ in Topsfield.

1. You believe there is one God, who is eternal, immutable, omnipotent, omniscient, infinitely holy and good, whose existence is a Trinity in Unity; or there are three distinct persons in the God-head, the Father, the Son, and the Holy-Ghost.

2. That God made all things by the word of his power, from eternity, decreed all things, and extends his providence over the whole creation, ruling & disposing all things for his creatures for his own glory.

3. That God created man in his own image, in knowledge, and righteousness and holiness & consequently in a state of innocence & happiness; but in a state of trial under a covenant of works.

4. That man continued not in that estate; but our first parents sinned, and in consequence of it all, both Jews & Gentiles are under sin.

5. That God hath not left mankind to perish in that state of sin & misery; but hath elected some to everlasting life.

6. That the Scriptures of the Old & New Testament, are the infallible word of God; containing all instruction necessary to salvation.

7. That the Lord Jesus Christ, who is revealed in the Scriptures, as both God and man,—that he hath offered himself a sacrifice for sin; and that He is the only Redeemer of God's elect.

8. That the Spirit of God must convince us of sin, and change our wills, before we exercise that faith, which unites our souls to Christ, and makes us partakers of the benefits of his death & resurrection.

9. That God requires of us, as necessary duties, though not as meritorious conditions of salvation, faith, repentance, and obedience.

10. That those, who are born again of the Spirit of God: or are brought to the exercises of evangelical faith & repentance, will be preserved from final apostacy, and will infallibly be saved.

11. That there will be a resurrection of our bodies, and that our souls will be reunited to them in such a manner, as that we shall be capable of endless happiness or misery;—that Jesus Christ will appear & judge the world in righteousness, the form of which judgment will be—The wicked shall go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into life eternal.

Sept. 26, 1790. Mehitable Foster, Widow, of Line-Brook Parish, was dismissed by this Chh, & recommended to y^e Chh in Line-Brook Society.

May 12, 1792. At a chh meeting voted That the following be received as the Covenant of this Chh. viz. You do now in y^e presence of God & this assembly, solemnly take y^e Lord Jehovah, Father, Son, & holy ghost to be your God, & do give yourself to be his, promising to make his holy word y^e only rule of your faith & practice. You devote yourself to God humbly depending on his grace in J. Cht. y^e mediator for righteousness & strength that you may be pardoned & accepted with God, & be enabled to walk in sincere obedience before him. You do also subject yourself to y^e Govern^t of Cht in this Chh & to y^e regular administration of it in y^e place promising, in brotherly love to seek its peace & welfare as long as God shall continue here And y^t you will not withdraw from it without just cause, & first acquainting y^e Chh with your design, & obtaining y^r consent. This is y^e purpose of your heart, divine God assisting you.

May 16, 1792. Admitted as a member of this Chh M^{rs} Alethea Huntington on a letter of recommendation from y^e Chh in Abington—Pomfret.

June. Doct^r Nehemiah Cleaveland admitted into full Communion.

Nov. 1793. Eunice y^e wife of Aaron Conant admitted into full Communion.

June 30, 1794. Experience Cleaveland wife of Nehemiah Cleaveland Esq. admitted as a member in full communion on a Letter of Dismission & Recommendation from the Chh. of Cht. in Abington, Pomfret.

May, 1795. Mary Perkins, Baptized & admitted into ye Chh.

Aug^t. 1795. Phebe Gould, wife of Cornelius Gould admitted.

Sept. 1795. Robert Perkins Jur. admitted.

Aug. 5, 1797. At a meeting of the Church voted & chose John Gould Jr. Deacon to officiate in the room of Deacon Solomon Dodge who is excused from farther Service.

Nov. 1797. Huldah Peabody, wife of Jacob Peabody jr admitted.

Nov. 1798. The Widdow Sarah Balch admitted.

June 10, 1799. At a meeting of the Chh. called for y^e purpose of Choosing a Deacon. Voted & chose Daniel Bixby Deacon who succeeds Deacon Joseph Gould who is excused from farther service in the office of Deacon.

Nov. 1799. Mrs. Dodge, wife of Deac. Solⁿ Dodge admitted.

May 18, 1800. Lucy White admitted.

Sept. 14, 1800. Moses Bradstreet & Lydia Bradstreet his Wife admitted, the latter baptised. Widow Sarah Averell admitted.

December, 1800. Sarah Gould, wife of Simon Gould jr admitted.

RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE TOPSFIELD WARREN BLUES.

APPROVED AUGUST 5, 1837.

We, the Members of the Topsfield Warren Blues, whose names are hereunto affixed do pledge ourselves to remain united and the more effectually to ensure success to our undertaking have adopted and subscribed the following articles for our Rules and Regulations.

Art. 1st. The uniform of the Company shall be blue coat, white pantaloons and Cap, with such trimmings as may be adopted by a majority of the Company.

Art. 2nd. The Sergeants uniform to be the same as privates, with the addition of side arms. Corporals same as privates.

Art. 3rd. The uniform of the Commissioned officers shall be similar to that of the Company, with such additions as they may deem expedient.

Art. 4th. There shall be chosen annually on the third Wednesday of April by ballot, a standing committee, whose duty it shall be to inspect the Clerk's and Treasurer's books; to inspect all accounts exhibited against the Company, and direct their being paid; to assess such sums of money as may be necessary for the ordinary expenses of the Company, which assessment if approved by the Commandant, shall be collected by them;—to direct the Clerk to call special meetings when directed by three members; to excuse soldiers from the payment of fines—provided a sufficient excuse is made—to remit assessments in cases deemed expedient; and also to provide an armourer, and see that he performs his duty—and allow him such compensation as they may think proper.

Art. 5th. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a fair record of all the transactions of the Company; collect all fines and pay over to the Treasurer all the money he shall receive taking his receipt therefor, to warn all meetings of the Company when ordered by the Commandant,—to keep his books open to the inspection of the Standing Committee, and render an account to the Company at least once a year.

Art. 6th. There shall be chosen annually on the third Wednesday of April, a Treasurer, whose duty it shall be to receive all monies from the hands of the Clerk, and give his receipt therefor, to pay all bills that are approved by the Standing Committee, to keep regular accounts of the receipts and expenditures; to have charge of the property of the Company, and to pay over to his successor in office all property remaining in his hands belonging to the Company, taking his receipt therefor, to keep his books open to the inspection of the Standing Committee and render his account at least once a year.

Art. 7th. In case of vacancy in the office of Standing Committee or Treasurer, the Commandant shall immediately call a meeting, giving four days notice, for the choice of a member to fill the office, till the next annual meeting.

Art. 8th. Any person may become a member of the Company by making application to any member thereof, who shall report the same to the Clerk, and if accepted by the Company shall, after signing the Bye-laws, be entitled to all the privileges of the Corps.

Art. 9th. The Company shall meet for a drill at their Armory, or such other place as the Commanding officer may order, at such time, and in such dress as he may direct.

Art. 10th. All fines shall be appropriated to defray the expenses of the Company.

Art. 11th. At a special meeting of the Company, when called by desire of the members, every member being on an equality, a moderator may be chosen from the Company present;—At all meetings called by the Commandant the highest officer present shall preside. Fine for non-attendance at any special meeting seventy-five cents, unless excused by the Standing Committee.

Art. 12th. The Company shall not be involved in any ex-

pense aside from their ordinary expenses, unless by a vote of a majority of the members present, at any stated meeting.

Art. 13th. The most implicit obedience shall be paid to every officer on parade, especially while under arms.

Art. 14th. There shall be holden annually, within one month after the last fall training, a special meeting at the Armory, or such other place as the Commanding officer may direct; for the purpose of attending to the concerns of the Company, and examine the accounts of the Clerk, Treasurer and Standing Committee—Who shall then render them to the inspection of the Company—report the delinquencies for, fines &c. The Standing Committee shall attend to settling all the accounts of the Company, previous to such meeting and should the Company be found in arrears, there shall be made an equal assessment on the members to meet such arrearages.

Art. 15th. Any member wishing to be discharged from the Company, shall apply to the Commandant, who, after such member shall have discharged the demands of the Company against him, shall take measures to procure his discharge, provided he deem it expedient.

Art. 16th. NO INTOXICATING LIQUORS shall be provided at the expense of the Company.

Art. 17th. In case any member shall be removed by death, it shall be discretionary with the Commissioned officers, after consulting the friends of the deceased, to determine in what manner his funeral shall be attended by the Company.

Art. 18th. At any meeting of the Company, when ordered to assemble for drill or to transact any other business it shall be the duty of the Clerk to Call the Roll at the opening and close of the meeting, and any member being absent at roll call shall forfeit & pay twenty five cents for each offence.

Art. 19th. Whenever the Company is ordered out to transact any business the members present shall constitute a quorum, they being obliged to vote either in the affirmative or negative.

Art. 20th. No alteration shall be made in the foregoing By-Laws, unless such alteration shall have been proposed at a previous meeting of the Company, and subsequently passed by a vote of two thirds of the members present.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Head Quarters,

Boston, Aug. 5, 1837.

Having examined the foregoing Rules and Regulations of the Topsfield "Warren Blues," so called, I do hereby approve the same.

Edward Everett

Commander in Chief. Mass. Militia.

(See also, Topsfield Historical Collections, Vol. I. pp. 19-29.)

CERTIFICATE OF MILITARY SERVICE, 1758

These Certify that Zacchaus Gould has Done a Turne in his Majesties Service to Lake George &cc by hireing John Robinson in his Room who performed that service in y^e year 1758 under y^e Command of Cap^t Israel Herrick.

John Bordman Cap

Topsfield March 31st: 1758.

SAMUEL GOULD'S MILITARY SERVICE IN THE REVOLUTION.

Topsfield Septem^{br} 4th 1780

This may certify that I the Subscriber went from Topsfield to Middleton to Work on the tenth of February 1779 And then I returned Home to Topsfield the Sixth Day of August, and went into the Service for Topsfield, nine Months, and then returned Home, to Topsfield, again on the twenty ninth Day of May 1780, and then let myself to Middleton the twenty sixth Day of June 1780, and from thence came home to Topsfield the twenty second of August,

as witness my Hand

Samuel Gould

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES.

TO BE SOLD, a large Farm laying in *Townshend*, containing upwards of 100 Acres of Land, situated in the Country Road, with between 20 & 30 Acres of Improved Land, and a House, with a very fine young Orchard, that contains about 300 Trees, many of which begin to bear. The said Farm is to be sold the second Day of *May* next, at the House of the Widow *Sarah Connant's*, Innholder in said *Townshend*, to the highest Bidder, by *Daniel Lake* of *Topsfield*.

Boston Gazette, Apr. 14, 1758.

Topsfield, May 15th 1793

Whereas I Robert Perkins Junr of Said Topsfield Cordwiner Did on the 14th Day of March Last Pass in open town meeting utter and Valentaly publish the Following words against Daniel Bixby of the Said Topsfield vz meaning the Said Bixby that the Said Town of Topsfield was wronged out of two Dollars the Last year by his Conduct which Declaration and Charge I Do by these present acknowledge in the presents of m^f Zaccheus Gould and Roger Balch was False or grownless which I uttered against Said Bixby

Robert Perkins Junr

attest

Zaccheus Gould

Roger Balch

Topsfield May 15th 1793. Recd the above of Robert Perkins Ju as Satisfaction in full for the above Charge

Daniel Bixby

Bixby Family MSS.

JOHN HOOD OF LYNN, MASS., AND SOME OF HIS DESCENDANTS.

BY MRS. JENNIE (HOOD) BOSSON.

1 John Hood was the son of John and Anne Hood of Halsted, England, and was born about 1600. His father was a weaver and died at Halsted, and by will dated Nov. 6, 1622, proved Nov. 20, 1622, bequeathed to his son John, all his real estate, and to his daughters Anne, Jane, Avese, Catherine, Grace, Mary, and Rose, 40 shillings each, while his wife Anne was appointed executrix. She afterwards married Thomas Beard.* The daughter Mary married Richard Truesdale who emigrated from Lincolnshire, arriving in Boston in 1630, then being about 24 years old. He was a butcher by trade, a deacon in the First Church, Boston, and one of the founders of the Old South Church. He died apparently without issue, his will being proved, in January, 1671-2. His widow Mary in her will, proved Nov. 26, 1674, bequeathed £50, each to brother John Hood's children, Richard and Mary, not of age.

John Hood, junior, was a weaver, and settled at Cambridge, Mass., as early as Oct. 20, 1638. With his son Richard, he appeared in Lynn before 1650.† In 1652, John Hood of Lynn, yeoman, conveyed to William Crofts for £30, "three dwelling howses or tenements with all thereto belonging in Halsted in the County of Essex in old England with a covenant for further assurance. And the said Willm is to pay 40s. a peice to the sisters of the said John according to his father's will the wch apeth in the bargain and sale by deed dated the 10th day of December, 1652."‡

*Lechford's Note Book, pp. 10-12.

†John Hood was also in Kittery in 1652.

‡Essex Registry of Deeds, Book I, leaf 58.

The following year he visited England, as appears from a deposition in old Norfolk County records, under date of Dec. 5, 1653, that John Hood, late of Lynn, sent a letter out of old England, to his wife Elizabeth, then living in Lynn.

In February, 1683, John Hude with two others bought from Roger Shaw of Hampton, N. H., an estate in Lynn, of house and two acres more or less, 3 acres lying near Sagamore hill, 4 acres salt marsh near Saugus river, 12 acres of planting ground on east side of town.

Children of John and Elizabeth:

2. RICHARD, b. abt. 1625, in England.
3. MARY.

2 Richard Hood, said to have been born at Lynn Regis, Norfolk Co., England, about 1625, came to America with his father and was living in Lynn before 1650. In 1681, he bought for £100, Mr. Humfries farm in Lynn on what is now Nahant street, which for several years previous he had leased of Humfries' widow, at an annual rental of £9, and "one good load of salt marsh hay." The house upon this farm was the one in which Lady Deborah Moody formerly lived. He was admitted a freeman in 1691. In 1692 he was allowed to sit in the pulpit with seven other old men, probably on account of defective hearing. He died September 12, 1695, and administration on the estate was granted to his son Richard, but he died before it was settled and his brother John was appointed September 7, 1696. The estate was divided as follows: "The children of the eldest son, he being dec'd," two shares, and John, Samuel, Nathaniel, Joseph, Benjamin, Mary, Sarah, Elizabeth, Ruth, Rebeckah, Hannah and Anna Hood, each one share.

Richard Hood married Mary, daughter of Anthony Newhall whose will proved Mar. 31, 1656, mentions grandchildren Richard and Elizabeth Hood, and daughter Mary to whom he bequeaths the third part of the interest of his orchard for seven years, also a "pcell of ground that lys one the other syde the brook at the north end of my hows lott uppon condittyon that her husband doe build a dwel-

ling hows oppon it." One half of the remainder of his estate also went to Mary.

July 7, 1682, Richard and Mary Hood sold a house and four acres of land.* This was the four acre lot next Hathorne's that Mr. Newhall bequeathed to his daughter, and here probably her husband built a house for their homestead, instead of on the small lot north of the brook, spoken of in the will. A Mary Hood died about Feb. 14, 1727-8.—Lynn Records.

Children of Richard and Mary, born in Lynn :

4. MARY, m. Michel Derich. In 1692 she was accused of practising witchcraft, and was imprisoned in Boston for 7 months. She was a wid. in 1692.
5. RICHARD, b. Nov. 18, 1655.
6. SARA, b. Aug. 2, 1657; m. Oct. 25, 1675, William Bassett, jr., husbandman. She was tried for witchcraft May 23, 1692, and imprisoned at Boston until Nov. 2. While in prison she had with her a child 22 months old, and another was born after her liberation whom she named "Deliverance." Her husband's sister Elizabeth, m. John Proctor of Danvers. She also was accused and sentenced to death, but afterward released through the brave and persistent efforts of her husband, Goodman Proctor, who afterwards suffered the death penalty. Had: (1) Sarah, b. Dec. 6, 1676; m. 1st Joseph Griffin; m. 2d. — Newbold; m. 3d. — Hawkes; (2) William, b. Nov., 1678; m. Jan. 14, 1703, Rebecca Berry; (3) Mary, b. June 13, 1680; m. Feb. 15, 1705-6, Andrew Jearns of Boston; (4) John, b. Sept. 8, 1682; m. Feb. 9, 1704-5, Abigail Berry of Chelsea; (5) Hannah, b. Feb. 2, 1685; m. John Estes of Salem; (6) Ruth, b. Mar. 16, 1689-90; m. Jan. 6, 1713, Abraham Allen of Marblehead, fisherman; (7) Joseph, b. Dec. 15, 1692; lost at sea before 1721; (8) Deliverance, b. Aug. 2, 1695; m. Jan. 25, 1719-20, Samuel Breed, jr.; (9) Abigail, m. Dec. 12, 1728, Samuel Alley.
7. ELIZABETH, b. Nov., 1658; m. Dec. 6, 1682, Thomas Farrar, jr.
8. RUTH, b. July, 1660.
9. REBECCA, b. Feb. 7, 1662; m. Dec. 9, 1681, Hugh Alley of Lynn, weaver. Had: (1) Solomon, b. Oct. 11, 1682; (2) Jacob, b. Jan. 28, 1683-4; (3) Eleazer, b. Nov. 1, 1686; (4) Hannah, b. Aug. 16, 1689; (5) Richard, b. July 31, 1691; (6) Joseph, b. June 22, 1693; (7) Benjamin, b. Feb. 24, 1694-5; (8) Samuel.

*Sometime in the possession of Anthony Newhall, to Matthew Farrington for £56.

10. JOHN, b. May 7, 1664.
11. HANNA, b. Oct. 21, 1665; m. Mar. 15, 1702-3, Edmond Needham; d. Sept. 28, 1740, "suddenly." Had: (1) Daniel, b. Dec. 5, 1703; (2) Bathsheba, b. Apr. 30, 1705.
12. SAMUEL, b. May 12, 1667; m. Deborah ——— He became a Quaker before 1690. Had: Sarah, m. July 29, 1731, John Presbrey of Boston. Samuel Hood, d. Mar. 9, 1749-50.—Z. *Collins Diary*.
13. NATHANIEL, b. June 9, 1669.
14. ANNE, b. Feb. 13, 1672; m. (as (Anna) Feb. 5, 1691-2, Samuel Breed of Lynn, husbandman and weaver. Had: (1) Samuel, b. Nov. 11, 1692; (2) Amos, b. July 20, 1694; (3) Jabez, b. Jan. 26, 1695-6; (4) Abigail, b. Sept. 7, 1698; (5) Nathan, b. Jan. 3, 1702-3; (6) Keziah, b. Oct. 16, 1704; (7) Anna, b. July 28, 1706; (8) Ebenezer, b. May 1, 1710; (9) Ruth, b. Mar. 10, 1711-12; (10) Benjamin, b. July 4, 1715.
15. JOSEPH, b. July 8, 1674.
16. BENJAMIN, b. Jan. 3, 1677; made freeman, 1691; d. 1696.

5 Richard Hood, born Nov. 18, 1655, united with the Quakers before 1690. He married about 1689, Hannah ———, and died in 1696. (Adm. on his estate granted Dec. 14, 1696.)

Children of Richard and Hannah, born in Lynn :

17. SAMUEL, b. Oct. 18, 1690.
18. RICHARD, b. Mar. 30, 1692.
19. ZEBULON, b. Sept. 13, 1693; d. Dec. 2, 1693.
20. ZEBULON, b. Feb. 28, 1694; d. July 12, 1695.

10 John Hood, born May 7, 1664, married Sarah Breed of Lynn. He united with the Quakers before 1690 and from that year until 1720, with others, signed a yearly petition to the General Court for refunding the ministerial tax which was levied also upon Quakers. In 1696, he was imprisoned one month in Salem jail for refusing to pay a tax to support the Rev. Mr. Shepherd. According to the diary of his son-in-law Zaccheus Collins, of Lynn, he died Dec. 4, 1730 and his widow died May 6, 1747. His will dated Dec. 1, 1730; prob. Jan. 2, 1730-1, mentions wife Sarah.

Children of John and Sarah, born in Lynn :

21. BARBARA (Barberry, birth and marriage rd.), b. June 10, 1694; m. (int. Mar. 14, 1717-18) Benjamin Bowden of Marblehead.
22. HULDAH, b. Nov. 28, 1697 (Hildah Hood, m. Michael Bassett of Marblehead). Int. Dec. 5, 1719.
23. BENJAMIN, b. June 14, 1700.
24. CONTENT, b. July 25, 1703; m. (int. July 15, 1721), Zaccheus Collins of Lynn. She was not named in her father's will, in 1730.
25. BREED, b. July 22, 1706. Breed Hood, buried Nov. 23, 1763, at Marblehead—*Z. Collins Diary*. Shipwright and lived in Marblehead, where he m. Lydia ———. Will dated Oct. 14, 1763, probated Nov. 24, 1763.
26. SARAH, m. (int. Nov. 23, 1729), John Andrews of Marblehead.
27. LYDIA, b. Apr. 17, 1714; m. Nov. 30, 1736, Daniel Bassett, husbandman, of Lynn.

13 Nathaniel Hood, born June 9, 1669, in Lynn, married Oct. 16, 1706, Joanna Dwinnell of Topsfield. They lived in Lynn for a few years and then removed to Topsfield and lived in the northwest part of the town adjoining Ipswich and Boxford on the farm owned in 1835 by Capt. Daniel Bixby. In 1746 Nathaniel Hood built a house by the pond which is now called "Hood's Pond." The house has always remained in the Hood family and in the Hood name and is now owned by Ralph D. Hood. Nathaniel Hood died Oct. 30, 1748, at Topsfield, and his wife Joanna died Mar. 1, 1731-2.

She was daughter of Michael Dwinell a French Huguenot who came to America after the revocation of the Edict of Nantes in 1685, and settled in Topsfield.

Children of Nathaniel and Joanna :

28. NATHAN.
29. NATHANIEL.
30. JOSEPH, m.; d. Sept. 6, 1745 at Newport, R. I.
31. SUSANNAH, b. 1714; m. Nov. 7, 1733, Samuel Cummings; lived in Middleton and Stoughton. He was a soldier in the expedition against Louisburg and d. in Sharon, Mass., Dec. 11, 1804; she d. there Jan. 14, 1812, æ. 98 y. Had 11 children.
32. AMOS, unm.; lived at Biddeford, Me., where he joined the church, June 27, 1742; tailor by trade.
33. RICHARD(?), m. Apr. 1, 1747, in Beverly, Elizabeth Coy. He was then of Salem. He was a mariner and lived in Beverly. He

d. in Bristol, of small pox, in 1751 (adm. granted on his estate June 17, 1751). She d. in Beverly, May 24, 1748, æ. 27 y. Had: Elizabeth, bp. Jan. 17, 1747-8; m. Jan. 9, 1766, Andrew Gage of Beverly; d. (bur. Oct. 28, 1810.)

34. **MARCY** (dau. Nathaniel and Hannah. Beverly rds.), b. Dec. 12, 1722, Beverly; m. in Salem, June 8, 1742, James Smith.
35. **JOHN**, b. Jan. 10, 1724.

15 Joseph Hood, born July 8, 1674, married May 17, 1716, at Boston, Rebecca Cumbeey. She was born Dec. 8, 1683, daughter of Robert Cumbee, and married, first, July 27, 1704, John More; married, second, Oct. 24, 1706, Thomas Mieres, and had one son Cumbeey Mieres. She married, third, Joseph Hood. He died Dec. 14, 1729 (*Z. Collins Diary*) and she may have married, fourth, in 1738, William Lee.

Child of Joseph and Rebecca:

36. **CUMBEY**, b. Aug. 28, 1717, at Boston. Was the captain of a vessel, and was lost at sea.
- In 1749, he sold the homestead on Salutation Lane, Boston, and in 1751 removed to New York.
- He married, first, in 1739, Lettice Begood, at Boston, and had Rebecca, who died in infancy; married, second, Sarah Nolens, daughter of Robert Nolens, gentleman, of Wales. They had a daughter Sarah, born Mar. 8, 1749, who married, Oct. 7, 1773, at Portsmouth, N. H., Ezekiel Russell, and died Oct. 15, 1806.

17 Samuel Hood, born Oct. 18, 1690, married (int. Dec. 15, 1723) Agnes, daughter of Henry and Sarah Snow of Kittery, Me. He was a husbandman and lived in Lynn. His will dated Feb. 28, 1749, probated Apr. 2, 1750, names wife Agnes, and eight children. "In those early days, a young man who was inclined to indulge in the laudable custom of courting, went to visit a young lady named Agnes. As he was returning, late one evening, he was overheard saying to himself—'Well, so far proceeded towards courting Agnes.' This phrase became common and has been introduced into an English comedy."—Lewis and Newhall's History of Lynn.

Children of Samuel and Agnes, born in Lynn :

37. RICHARD, b. Jan. 26, 1725.
38. MARY, b. Apr. 22, 1727; mentioned in father's will as unm. in 1749.
39. SARAH, b. Jan. 4, 1730; d. Aug. 11, 1761.
40. ELIZABETH, b. Feb. 19, 1733.
41. SAMUEL, b. Aug. 18, 1736.
42. HANNAH, b. May 1, 1739.
43. DANIEL, b. Mar. 18, 1742.
44. JOHN, b. Dec. 16, 1744.

18 Richard Hood, born in Lynn, Mar. 30, 1692, married May 20, 1718, Theodate, daughter of Samuel and Rebecca Collins of Lynn. He was a husbandman and lived on Nahant where he bought land in 1739. Zaccheus Collins' Diary notes that his wife died in Boston and was buried in Lynn, Jan. 17, 1764. His will dated Dec. 7, 1769 was probated May 29, 1779.

Children of Richard and Theodate, born in Lynn :

45. THEODATE, b. Oct. 27, 1719; m. (int. Apr. 8, 1739) Jeremiah Gray; d. Apr. 28, 1751, "suddenly."
46. JEDADIAH, b. Sept. 25, 1721; d. Sept. 26, 1721.
47. CONTENT, b. Dec. 20, 1722; m. at Salem, Oct. 8, 1741, John Phillips of Boston, shipwright, s. of Walter Phillips of Salem.
48. REBEKAH, b. Apr. 3, 1725; m. Oct. 20, 1742, Solomon Alley, cordwainer, of Lynn.
49. HANNAH, b. Dec. 9, 1727; m. Sept. 19, 1750, Daniel Holder, shipwright, s. of Thomas Holder of Marblehead.
50. PATIENCE, b. Sept. 9, 1730; m. Aug. 18, 1756, Daniel Silsbee, shipwright, of Boston, s. of Henry Silsbee. She was living with her father in 1769, her husband having died.
51. ABNER, b. Sept. 26, 1733.
52. ABIGAIL, b. Sept. 14, 1736; m. Jan. 26, 1757, Hugh Alley, housewright, s. of Samuel Alley.
53. A child, b. Nov. 8, 1737.

23 Benjamin Hood, born in Lynn, June 14, 1700, married Dec. 16, 1729, Elizabeth, daughter of William Bassett of Lynn. Housewright and husbandman and lived in Marblehead and Lynn (Nahant). Inherited his father's house. Will dated Dec. 22, 1762, probated Oct 5, 1778, mentions wife Elizabeth.

Children of Benjamin and Elizabeth, born in Lynn :

54. CONTENT, b. Sept. 3, 1730; m. Sept. 26, 1752, Walter Phillips, jr., s. of Jonathan Phillips.
55. REBECCA, b. Aug. 18, 1732; m. Nov. 23, 1757, Gideon Phillips, s. of Jonathan Phillips.
56. SARAH, b. Dec. 30, 1734; m. Aug. 25, 1779, John Alley.
57. ELIZABETH, b. Dec. 4, 1743; d. Sept. 12, 1762.
58. ANNA, b. May 12, 1746; "drowned in Lynn harbour," Aug. 8, 1770, from a canoe, while with a party of seven others, going on board a schooner in the harbour.

28 Nathan Hood, married, first, Mar. 6, 1731, Elizabeth Palmer, who was born May 1, 1710 at Rowley. They resided at Topsfield. She died June 10, 1782, "in a very sudden manner," and he married, second, (int. Nov. 24, 1782) Lydia Corliss [Colly. Topsfield rds.] of Salem, N. H. He was a housewright, a surveyor of highways in 1738 and constable in 1756. He died May 4, 1792.

Children of Nathan and Elizabeth, born in Topsfield :

59. WILLIAM, b. Dec. 26, 1731.
60. A child, d. May 24, 1734.
61. A child, d. May 26, 1734.
62. MARY, b. Jan. 1, 1735-6; d. Jan. 9, 1738.
63. JOANNA, b. Nov. 19, 1737; m. Feb. 27, 1759, Daniel Averill; d. Dec. 12, 1816, "occasioned by falling into the fire."
64. NATHAN, b. Jan. 10, 1739-40.
65. DANIEL, b. Nov. 11, 1741.
66. MARY, b. Jan. 1, 1744; m. July 23, 1768, Moses Safford of Ipswich.
67. JOSEPH, b. Feb. 2, 1746.
68. BENJAMIN, b. Feb. 13, 1748.
69. ELIZABETH, b. Apr. 19, 1750; m. Apr. 5, 1774, Andrew Gould; d. Aug. 5, 1791.
70. MEHITABLE, b. Mar. 15, 1752; m. Nov. 30, 1772, Jonathan Perkins of Boxford.
71. SUSANNA, b. June 17, 1754; d. July 8, 1756.

Nathan and Elizabeth also may have had a son Jonathan who settled in Topsham, Vt., in 1782, and who came from Topsfield, according to family tradition. He was one of the first settlers in the town and was killed by being thrown from a load of hay. Had: (1, Polly, b. 1773; m. Reuben Gilbert of Lyndon, Vt.; d. Feb. 19, 1842; (2) Betsey, b. 1777, m. Lemuel Randall of Newbury, Vt.; d. Oct. 2)

1864; (3) William (twin), b. July, 1778; m. Sally Crown; d. Dec. 3, 1862; (4) Jonathan (twin), b. July, 1778; m. Susan Farwell; d. Sept. 23, 1848; (5), Sally, b. 1780; m. Jacob Morse; d. June 8, 1861; (6), Mehitable, b. 1787; m. Zimriah Dodge of Topsham; d. Feb. 23, 1844; (7) Hepsibah, b. 1790; d. unm. Oct. 10, 1865.

29 Nathaniel Hood, married Nov. 13, 1735, Abigail Potter of Ipswich. He died June 8, 1755, in Topsfield. Farmer and cordwainer.

Children of Nathaniel and Abigail, born in Topsfield :

72. SAMUEL, bapt. June 12, 1737; d. Jan. 4, 1738.
73. ESTHER, b. May 20, 1739.
74. ABIGAIL, b. May 16, 1741; m. (int. July 18, 1761) Stephen Hovey.
75. SARAH, bapt. June 19, 1743; m. Dec. 9, 1762, Alexander Tapley.
76. SUSANNAH, b. Oct. 27, 1745; m. June 9, 1763, Israel Kenney.
77. HULDAH "infant daughter of Nathaniel," d. Feb. 1, 1749.
78. "Infant son of Nathaniel," d. Mar. 4, 1750.
79. "Infant son of Nathaniel," d. Nov. 17, 1751.

35 John Hood, born Jan. 10, 1724, at Topsfield; was a carpenter by trade, and served in the "French and Indian War" and in the "Revolution." He enlisted Feb. 1745 for Cape Breton and was at the surrender July 26, 1758. He also was one of the men who scaled the cliffs and stood on the plains of Abraham in the capture of Quebec. In the Revolutionary War he served as guard at Charlestown from Nov. 12, 1777, to Apr. 3, 1778, and in 1789 he was sergeant in Capt. Benjamin Gould's Company with Col. Wade's Essex Co. Regiment. He lived in Topsfield, and married, first, Sept. 16, 1746, Elizabeth Reddington. She died Oct. 23, 1755, and he married, second, Mar. 1, 1757, Mary Kimball of Boxford. She was born Aug. 25, 1727, and died Dec. 6, 1807. He died Oct. 10, 1805, in Topsfield.

Children of John and Elizabeth, born in Topsfield :

80. A daughter, d. June 29, 1847.
81. A son, d. Feb. 24, 1749.
82. RICHARD, b. Feb. 18, 1750-1.
83. A child, d. Apr. 15, 1753.

Children of John and Mary :

84. EUNICE, b. Oct. 1, 1757, (Family rd.); m. Oct. 27, 1781, Henry Perley of Andover, lived in Andover and removed to Boxford, in 1786; d. October 11, 1790. Had: (1) Eunice, b. Apr. 14, 1782; d. July 18, 1862; (2) Henry, b. Oct. 14, 1784, d. Nov. 14, 1841; (3) Susanna, b. Mar. 16, 1788, d. Nov. 23, 1791; (4) Samuel, b. Oct. 9, 1790.
85. JOHN, b. Feb. 26, 1760.
86. SAMUEL, b. Mar. 1, 1762.
87. HULDAH, b. May 27, 1765; d. Feb. 18, 1776.
88. ESTHER, b. Sept. 4, 1768; d. Sept. 25, 1775.
89. A son, d. July 13, 1772.

37 Richard Hood, born Jan. 26, 1725 in Lynn, married at Beverly Nov. 28, 1749, Sarah, daughter of John and Sarah West of Beverly. Mariner, lived in Lynn, administration granted in his estate to wife Sarah, Apr. 3, 1787. She probably died his widow, Sept. 24, 1796. (*Collins Diary*.)

Children of Richard and Sarah, born in Lynn :

90. JOHN, b. May 7, 1753; m. (int. July 20, 1776) Hannah Reden of Salem.
91. HANNAH, b. Feb. 23, 1756.
92. RICHARD, b. Dec. 3, 1759; buried Oct. 6, 1761. (Richard, s. Richard, d. Oct. 4, 1762, Lynn rds.)
93. SARAH, b. Oct. 14, 1762, (bp. Apr. 25, 1762, Beverly rds.)
94. ELIZABETH, b. Oct. 4, 1764; d. unm. in Lynn. (will prob. Apr. 3, 1788.)
95. AGNES, bp. Apr. 8, 1770, in Beverly.

51 Abner Hood, born in Lynn, Sept. 26, 1733, married, June 11, 1783, Keziah, daughter of Benjamin and Ruth Breed of Lynn. He was small in stature and always wore the Quaker dress. He inherited his father's estate in Nahant, which occupied nearly all the peninsular. This property remained in the Hood name until 1869. He died in Lynn (Nahant), Mar. 11, 1818, and she died Nov. 4, 1825, aged 74 years.

Children of Abner and Keziah, born in Lynn :

96. ABNER, b. Apr. 1, 1784.
97. RICHARD, b. Mar. 13, 1786.

98. THEODATE, b. May 23, 1787; m. Jan. 1, 1807, Jabez Breed, jr.
 99. BENJAMIN (twin), b. Apr. 7, 1790.
 100. EBENEZER (twin), b. Apr. 7, 1790.
 101. CONTENT (Maria, m. rd.), b. Dec. 21, 1792; m. Oct. 31, 1822,
 Gideon Phillips; d. Sept. 15, 1857.

59 William Hood, born Dec. 26, 1731, at Topsfield, married Aug. 27, 1754, Mary, daughter of Aaron and Mary Hubbard of Topsfield. He removed to Topsham, Vt. Housewright by trade.

Children of William and Mary :

102. AMOS, b. Aug. 12, 1757.
 103. LYDIA, b. Oct. 16, 1759.
 104. SUSANNA, bapt. Feb. 21, 1762.
 105. MOSES, bapt. May 22, 1763; m. (int. Apr. 23, 1784) Sally Felt of Salem.
 106. AARON, bapt. Apr. 5, 1767.
 107. JOHNATHAN (?), b. abt. 1775; m. Hannah Hamlet of Topsham, Vt. Had: Charles, Susan, Sargent, John, Mary, Angeline, Levi and Maria.

64 Nathan Hood, born in Topsfield, Jan. 10, 1739-40, married Feb. 17, 1763, Mary Perkins. He died Mar. 23, 1772.

Children of Nathan and Mary :

108. NATHANIEL, b. Oct. 3, 1763.
 109. NATHAN, b. Mar. 8, 1765.
 110. ENOS, b. May 26, 1767.
 111. THOMAS (twin), b. May 27, 1769.
 112. AMOS (twin), b. May 27, 1769.

65 Daniel Hood, born Nov. 11, 1741, married Feb. 10, 1763, Ruth Towne. They were dismissed Nov. 18, 1787 to a church in Wilton, N. H. They afterwards lived near Portland, Me. Farmer and housewright.

Children of Daniel and Ruth, born in Topsfield :

113. LUCY, b. Aug. 8, 1763; d. Mar. 31, 1776.
 114. JACOB, b. Jan. 5, 1765; m. Mary Gove.
 115. RUTH, bp. Nov. 9, 1766; d. Sept. 15, 1767.
 116. RUTH, b. Oct. 10, 1767.
 117. DANIEL, b. Feb. 20, 1770; d. Oct.—, 1775.

- 118. ABNER, b. Feb. 18, 1772.
- 119. MARY, b. June 9, 1776.
- 120. LUCY, b. Jan. 28, 1778.
- 121. ELIZABETH, b. Jan. 28, 1780.
- 122. DANIEL, b. Dec. 7, 1783.

67 Joseph Hood, born Feb. 2, 1746, married Oct. 13, 1767, Dorcas Hovey. She was the daughter of Ivory and Anne Hovey, and was born Apr. 18, 1749. They both accepted the covenant, Aug. 14, 1768, in the Topsfield church. He removed in 1782 to Hollis, N. H., to that part afterwards incorporated as the town of Milford, where both he and his wife afterwards died and were buried. Their graves are marked with one stone bearing both names. Farmer. He died Oct. 21, 1795. Soldier in the Revolution, from Topsfield, mustered Aug. 1, 1775, into Capt. Baker's Co. in Little's Regt., served in that and other regiments until Nov. 22, 1779. Fought at Bunker Hill and in the operations about New York.

Children of Joseph and Dorcas, first five born in Topsfield:

- 123. SARAH, bapt. Aug. 14, 1768; m. May 25, 1790, David Duncle, jr. of Milford, N. H., and d. July 13, 1849.
- 124. JOSEPH, bapt. Nov. 28, 1769.
- 125. DORCAS, bapt. Feb. 23, 1772; m. May 20, 1794, Jacob Moor, of Hollis, N. H., and d. Aug. 4, 1851.
- 126. HULDAH, bapt. Mar. 13, 1774; m. Nov., 1795, William Peabody, jr., of Amherst, N. H., and d. Sept. 17, 1861.
- 127. BETSEY, b. Aug. 12, 1777; m. May 9, 1795, Stephen Lovejoy of Hollis, N. H., and d. May 22, 1852.
- 128. SUSANNA, b. June 10, 1781, in Amherst, N. H.; m. (1) Nov. 27, 1797, William Bacon; m. (2) William J. Doyle of Providence, R. I., and d. there Mar. 5, 1843.
- 129. JEREMIAH, b. Mar. 30, 1783, in Amherst; m. 1810, Mary Warner, b. in Newburyport, Mar. 17, 1783 and d. Apr. 3, 1865. Farmer; lived in Milford, and d. Aug. 8, 1861. Had: (1) John A., b. May 27, 1812; carpenter; m. Jane Baker; (2) Mary Ann, b. Nov. 21, 1814; m. Abijah Wood; d. Aug. 6, 1887; (3) Sarah D., b. Feb. 27, 1816; m. Hezekiah P. Hamblett; d. July 3, 1886; (4) Elizabeth P., b. Jan. 5, 1821; m. Daniel Hopkins, jr., d. Apr. 2, 1857.

68 Benjamin Hood, born Feb. 13, 1748, married Sept. 4, 1777, Sarah Cross of Boxford. He died in Boxford in 1801 and she died there Feb. 15, 1840. Farmer, and lived in Boxford not far from the Topsfield boundary line. Soldier in the Revolution, from Topsfield.

Children of Benjamin and Sarah, baptized in Topsfield :

- 130. DOROTHY, bapt. Nov. 20, 1785; m. Nov. 30, 1806, John Todd, of Salem; d. Nov., 1839.
- 131. FRANCIS, b. Dec. 1, 1780.
- 132. JERE, bapt. Nov. 20, 1785; d. unm.
- 133. ELIZABETH, m. Moses Shaw.
- 134. FANNY, unm.
- 135. MARY, unm.
- 136. BENJAMIN; a cooper in Salem?
- 137. SALLY, m. Nov. 23, 1806, in Boxford, Samuel Shaw jr. of Newburyport; d. Apr. 30, 1825, in Pembroke, N. H.

82 Richard Hood, born Feb. 18, 1750, married Feb. 15, 1776, Lydia Tarbox, at Wenham. She was born Sept. 16, 1753, and died Mar. 10, 1824. They resided at Wenham. He was a soldier in the Revolution, and marched on the alarm of Apr. 19, 1775, from Topsfield. Yeoman. He died Nov. 19, 1835.

Children of Richard and Lydia :

- 138. JOSIAH Moulton, b. July 22, 1776.
- 139. BETSEY, b. Mar. 6, 1778; d. unm. Dec. 19, 1839, in Georgetown.
- 140. JOHN, b. Feb. 4, 1780; d. Feb. 7, 1781.
- 141. MARY (Polly), b. July 27, 1782; m. July 19, 1804, Peter Pousland of Beverly; d. Dec. 8, 1807.
- 142. SAMUEL, b. Nov. 8, 1785; m. Dec. 29, 1814. Phebe Wood of Boxford; he lived in Wenham and Georgetown, and d. June 1843; Had: (1) William Henry, b. Oct. 26, 1815; d. Apr. 19, 1824; (2), Samuel, b. Dec. 16, 1817; (3), Mary (Polly), b. Jan. 12, 1820; (4), Solomon Perley, b. Mar. 31, 1822; (5), William Henry, b. in Boxford, June 25, 1825; (6) Sarah Peabody, b. in Boxford, Apr. 2, 1828.

85 John Hood, born Feb. 26, 1760, enlisted in the Revolutionary army, June 17, 1775, when but fifteen years and three months old, and was at the battle of Bunker Hill, on picket duty, watching an English vessel to keep

her men from landing. He also was at the battles of Long Island and White Plains, and crossed the Delaware with Gen. Washington. He was in the battle of Princeton, and for two months lived a life of great suffering, without shoes, and clothed with rags. He then received his discharge and started on foot to his home 250 miles distant, begging his food on the way. When only two or three days from camp, he was taken sick with the small-pox, which at that time was a scourge in the army, and after having been carried for some miles from house to house, he was received at Coventry, Conn., and nursed by an old lady named Barnes. When recovered he was clothed and sent on his way home, where he arrived early in the spring. After a few weeks stay, he re-enlisted. Sept. 11, 1777, and was in the battle of Brandywine, and was also in the battle at Germantown. In 1778 he was discharged, and the following year he went on a privateering cruise and was taken prisoner and carried into Halifax, and confined in a prison ship, where he suffered everything but death. In time he was exchanged and returned to his home. In September, 1780, he was in the army at the time of Arnold's treachery, and the next year was at the surrender of Cornwallis. He was in the service seven of the eight years of the war. In 1787 Topsfield was called upon for troops to suppress Shay's Rebellion. No one would lead in the enlistment until John Hood enrolled his name then to be followed by others.

John Hood was a carpenter by trade, and helped to build seven large bridges; three over the Merrimac River, at Andover, at Haverhill, and at the Rocks; one over Plum Island river; one over Parker's river at Byfield; one over the Kennebec at Augusta; and one over the Connecticut, at Windsor, Vt. His last years were spent at home in the same cottage in which he was born, in which his father lived and died, and which he bequeathed to his son. He married, first, Aug. 2, 1787, Anne, daughter of Jacob and Priscilla Kimball, born June 2, 1765. She died Sept. 12, 1789, of consumption. He married, second, Feb. 17, 1791, Ruth, daughter of Daniel and Lucy (Tarbox) Gould, born Dec. 3, 1762. Her father was a

son of John Gould, the son of the largest landholder in Topsfield. During the last eleven years of her life, she was confined to her room as the result of a fall. She died Mar. 8, 1840. He died July 19, 1836.

Child of John and Anne, born in Topsfield :

143. JACOB, b. Mar. 10, 1788; d. Apr. 10, 1789.

Children of John and Ruth, born in Topsfield :

144. JACOB, b. Dec. 25, 1791.

145. JOHN, b. Oct. 8, 1793; m. Dec. 20, 1854. Mrs. Elizabeth B. Phillips, dau. Enos and Anna Lake. Shoemaker and farmer. He d. Apr. 12, 1870; She d. Dec. 17, 1859; æ. 40 y. No issue. Inherited his grandfather's gun.

146. ANNE (twin), b. July 29, 1795; m. Nov. 2, 1812, Zaccheus Gould, jr. of Topsfield, b. Jan. 19, 1790. He d. July 5, 1874; she d. Oct. 13, 1874. Children: (1) Anne, b. June 24, 1813; m. Apr. 14, 1845, John B. Lake; d. June 8, 1846. (2) Zaccheus, b. Apr. 3, 1815; m. Elizabeth Thomas; d. June 23, 1888. (3) Adeline, b. Feb. 28, 1817; m. 1835, Timothy M. Phillips; d. July 5, 1892. (4) Rebecca, b. Apr. 28, 1819; m. 1840, John Brown Lake; d. Aug. 12, 1843. (5) Emily, b. Apr. 5, 1821; m. 1844, Moses B. Horne; d. Oct. 14, 1876. (6) John, b. Jan. 30, 1824; m. 1854, Mary F. Revere; d. Feb. 11, 1895. (7) Elizabeth, b. June 28, 1826; d. Nov. 13, 1827; (8) Humphrey, b. Oct. 13, 1829; m. 1854, Sarah A. Peabody; d. Nov. 12, 1856. (9) Elizabeth, b. July 8, 1832; m. 1853, Charles Winslow. (10) William H. Harrison, b. June 25, 1836; m. 1862, Sarah Stone.

147. RUTH (twin), b. July 29, 1795; unm.; d. Dec. 23, 1821.

148. DAVID, b. Sept. 3, 1797.

149. RICHARD, b. Sept. 4, 1799; d. Nov. 8, 1799.

150. MARY, b. Sept. 29, 1800; d. in Topsfield, Sept. 27, 1875; unm.

151. RICHARD, b. Dec. 9, 1802.

152. GEORGE, b. Aug. 11, 1805; d. Oct. 5, 1805.

153. GEORGE, b. Feb. 10, 1807.

154. LUCY, b. June 25, 1809; d. in Topsfield, Mar. 31, 1895; unm.

86 Samuel Hood, born Mar. 1, 1762 in Topsfield, married July 22, 1783, Lydia Gould, born Dec. 31, 1760, daughter of Dea. Daniel and Lucy (Tarbox) Gould. Lived in Topsfield where he was a carpenter and builder,

and died Dec. 10, 1843. He was town treasurer, 1818-1823. She died Dec. 2, 1834.

Children of Samuel and Lydia, born in Topsfield :

155. SAMUEL, b. Nov. 24, 1784; m. Apr. 18, 1814, Abigail, dau. David and Mehitable (Cave) Cummings. He d. Aug. 29, 1865. She d. Sept. 15, 1863. He was a master mariner, a soldier in the Seminole War, and lived in Topsfield and Danvers. In 1827 he was adjudged *non compos mentis*, and remained under guardianship until his death. Had: (1) Sally C., d. Sept. 29, 1815, æt. about 15 mos. (16 mos. g.s.) (2) Samuel Cummings, d. unm. in Georgetown; (3) Sarah Porter, b. Apr. 6, 1819 (Topsfield); m. Nov. 24, 1842, Lewis Symmes of Beverly; d. Mar. 14, 1886, 3 children: (4) Hitty Cave, b. Mar. 31, 1821 (Middleton); d. Apr. 8, 1821 (Middleton); (5) Hitty Cave, b. Jan. 28, 1824; m. Nov. 6, 1851, Charles Augustus Fiske of E. Saugus, trader; d. Jan. 23, 1906 (Lynn); 4 children.
156. LYDIA, b. Sept. 13, 1786; m. (int. Sept. 4, 1814), Nathan Brown, jr. of Ipswich; d. Nov. 1, 1859; Had: (1) Nathan, b. Dec. 3, 1814; d. July 13, 1840; (2) Abigail, b. Apr. 27, 1816; d. Dec. 16, 1848; (3) Lydia H., b. Feb. 2, 1818; d. Oct. 17, 1818; (4), Samuel H., b. Oct. 21, 1820; d. May 5, 1843; (5) Lydia H., b. Nov. 28, 1822; d. Aug. 2, 1902; (6) Francis E., b. June 17, 1827.
157. NELLY, b. Apr. 13, 1789; m. Dec. 25, 1826, Amos Gould of Ipswich; d. Oct. 26, 1877. No issue.
158. ELISHA, b. Dec. 13, 1796.
159. EDWARD, b. May 1, 1799; d. in Topsfield, Aug. 21, 1852; unm.
160. JOHN Gould, b. June 4, 1807.

96 Abner Hood, born in Lynn, April 1, 1784, married Sept. 28, 1806, Mary Newhall Richardson of Danvers. Cordwainer, lived in Lynn. Complained of as a spendthrift in 1826 by the selectmen of Lynn, guardian appointed, who was discharged in 1833. He died Nov. 30, 1854. She died May 12, 1883 in Lynn.

Children of Abner and Polly, born in Lynn :

161. GEORGE, b. Nov. 10, 1806.
162. MARTHA ANN, b. Jan. 21, 1809; m. Sept. 29, 1833, Abner Hill.
163. ABNER, b. July 29, 1812.
164. CHARLES GREEN, b. Dec. 23, 1814.
165. JAMES MAGEE, b. Nov. 2, 1820; m. (int. Oct. 20, 1844), Almira Collins; d. May 26, 1857.

97 Richard Hood, born Mar. 13, 1786, married (int. Nov. 1, 1812) Clarissa, daughter of Dr. Martin and Sarah (Wright) Herrick of Reading, Mass. He was a Quaker and lived for a time at Nahant, then removed to Portland, Me., and in 1847 returned to Lynn where he died July 17, 1854.

Children of Richard and Clarissa, born in Lynn :

166. **MARTIN HERRICK**, b. Sept. 15, 1813; m. Dec. 9, 1852, Sarah G., dau. Francis Hay of Charlestown, Mass.; she d. May 27, 1901. He d. Mar. 25, 1899. Had: Oliver F., d. Sept. 21, 1873, æ. 19 y.
167. **KEZIAH** (Almira Keziah—Herrick genealogy), b. Mar. 25, 1815; m. Eli Sargent of Portland, Me.; d. Apr. 11, 1902.
168. **SARAH MARIA**, b. May 26, 1818; m. Thomas Swain of Lynn.
169. **CLARISSA JANE**, b. Jan. 22, 1821; m. Fitz Sargent of Portland, Me.
170. **SUSAN CHARLOTTE**, b. Mar. 25, 1823, in Natick; unm.; d. Apr. 1902, in Lynn.

99 Benjamin Hood, born in Lynn, April 7, 1790, married Nov. 17, 1819, Hannah, daughter of John and Judith Phillips of what is now Swampscott. Lived in Nahant where he died May 3, 1857. She died there Oct. 4, 1859.

Children of Benjamin and Hannah, born in Lynn :

171. **LOUISA PHILLIPS**, b. Mar. 14, 1821 (1822, Bible rd.); m. Albert Wyer; d. 1876; no issue.
172. **ANN MARIA**, b. Jan. 9, 1824; m. July 6, 1847, Dexter Stetson, carpenter, s. of Charles and Abigail; b. in Freeport, Me., d.—, 1875.
173. **ANNA AMELIA**, b. Dec. 27, 1832 (Jan. 27, 1831, Bible rd.); unm.; d. Apr. 27, 1900.
174. **JULIA POND**, b. (July 1, 1834, Bible rd.); unm.

100 Ebenezer Hood, born April 7, 1790, married Nov. 17, 1813, Abigail, daughter of Zacheus and Sarah Phillips of Swampscott. He was a farmer and lived on Nahant, where he died Oct. 4, 1849, of consumption. She died April 26, 1873.

Children of Ebenezer and Abigail, born in Nahant :

175. ELDRIDGE GERRY, b. Aug. 18, 1814; m. Mar. 23, 1835, Nancy, dau.—Tarbox. Lived in Lynn, where he d. Sept. 3, 1841. His widow m. 2d, Aug. 23, 1855, John Newman Lewis of Lynn. Had: (1) Charles Greenwood, b. May 31, 1836, d. Dec. 11, 1837; (2) John Henry Gray, b.——; removed to Iowa, where he m. and had: Edgar, Elbridge, Grace, Jessie, May and Abbie May. Soldier in the Civil War. (3) Elbridge Gerry, b. Mar. 17, 1841; m. Sophia Dennis of Swampscott. Capt. of Co. K, 35th Mass. Vols. in Civil War. Lived at Nahant where he d. Jan. 3, 1902, of consumption. Had: (1) Abbie May, b. May 25, 1867; m. Jan. 6, 1897; Thomas Roland of Nahant; (2) Elbridge Gerry, b. Apr. 12, 1872, d. Apr. 16, 1872.
176. CATHARINE AMORY, b. May 1, 1820 (*sic*); m. Nov. 16, 1834, Ezra R. Tebbetts; d. Jan., 1903; 10 children.

102 Amos Hood, born in Topsfield, Aug. 12, 1757, married Apr. 16, 1779, Phebe Perkins of Topsfield. Removed to Salem, Mass., about 1790-5, and was killed not long after by the caving in of a well at Buffum's Corner, Salem. His widow died in Salem, Apr. 4, 1842. He was a soldier in the Revolution.

Children of Amos and Phebe :

177. Child, d. Apr. 7, 1785 (infant), in Topsfield.
178. AMOS, m.——, Sarah Smith and removed from Salem to Chelsea, Vt. about 1814. Known as "sailor Amos." Had: (1) Phebe, m. Samuel Dennison and lived in Chelsea, Vt.; (2) Mary, lived in Manchester, N. H.; (3) Jonathan, b. Feb. 12, 1808, m. Persis Folsom, lived in Lowell, Mass., and had: Rinaldo, Augustus, Egerton, Alpheus, Cornelius, Elondus, b. June 19, 1832, m. Mary Paine, and 4 others; (4) Isaac; (5) Isaiah; (6) Charles; (7) Lydia; (8) Lucy; (9) Amos; m. Betsey Hibbard; lived in Chelsea, Vt. and had 13 children.
179. SARAH (?), m. July 16, 1807, John Jacobs of Salem.
180. EZRA, removed to Vt. about 1814; m. and had: (1) Azro; (2) Orange; and others.
181. ASA, b. 1785; d. Jan. 1, 1864; m. Nov. 15, 1812, Martha Silsbee, wid. of David Beedle of Salem. She d. Jan. 22, 1854, æ. 68 y. Had: (1) Samuel Silsbee, b. 1812, in Chelsea, Vt.; m. Jane Ryder of Yonkers, N. Y.; d. May 20, 1860. (2) John Silsbee, b. Jan. 28, 1815, in Chelsea, Vt.; m. Amanda Hood of Chel-

sea, Vt.; d. Mar. 18, 1871. (3) Nathaniel Silsbee, b. Mar. 20, 1816; m. Elizabeth Gove; d. Apr. 2, 1892, at Salem, Mass. (4) Asa, b. Apr. 21, 1818, in Salem; m. Jeanette Blanchard, of Medford, Mass. (5) Sarah Silsbee, b. July 17, 1821, in Salem; m. John W. Russell, of Ipswich; d. Mar. 23, 1886. (6) Martha Prince, b. Dec. 9, 1823 in Salem; m. Stephen Whipple of Salem; (7) Thomas R. P., b. in Salem; m. Harriet Waite of South Reading, Mass.; d. Aug. 27, 1889, at Springfield, Mass.; (8) William Sage, d. young.

182. ABRAHAM, b. June 28, 1790, in Boxford.

183. ELIZABETH (?), m. Nov. 19, 1815, Moses H. Shaw, of Salem.

184. MERCY (?), b. 1796; d. Sept. 28, 1825, at Salem.

110 Enos Hood, born May 26, 1767, married Sept. 29, 1791, Gillin Lane, and lived in Chelsea, Vt. He died Apr. 23, 1845. She was born in Vermont and died in Salem, Mass., Dec. 22, 1845, aged 72 years. Farmer and mill owner.

Children of Enos and Gillin :

185. ELIZA, b. Apr. 21, 1794; m. Abraham Hood (see No. 182); d. Feb. 25, 1867.

186. SARA, b. Sept. 2, 1796; m. Jan. 9, 1820, Ebenezer Smith, b. 1793. They lived in Chelsea, Vt. She d. Sept. 24, 1853.

Children:

(1) Adaline Converse, b. Nov. 20, 1820; m. 1848, Jotham Blaisdell; d. July 17, 1899, at Lowell, Mass. Had: La Forest, b. 1849, d. 1856; Addie, b. Feb., 1851.

(2) Harriet Hood, b. Jan. 3, 1823; m. 1st, Nov. 25, 1846. Thomas B. Dalton, lived in Roxbury. Had: Kingsley La-Forest, b. Oct., 1847, d. Mar. 28, 1853; Melvin Chamberlain, b. Aug. 20, 1851, m. Theresa Link. Harriet Hood, m. 2d, Aug. 12, 1858, Daniel E. King; she d. Dec. 30, 1901, at Boston.

(3) Caroline Hatch, b. Feb. 15, 1825; m. Sept. 29, 1850, Josiah Goodrich Morse, and lived in Roxbury. He d. 1889. Had: Emma Caroline, b. Aug. 5, 1852; m. Sept. 29, 1871, Hartley Seaver.

(4) Cyrus, b. Aug. 16, 1827; m. May 28, 1854, Elizabeth Russel Paine. He d. Jan. 1, 1898, at Cambridge, Mass. She d. Jan., 1898. Had: Frank Cyrus, b. July, 1856; Fred Eben, b. May 15, 1861; Etta Maria and Willard.

(5) Fanny Apphia, b. Dec. 19, 1829; m. May 28, 1854, Hiram Knights. He d. Nov. 12, 1872. She d. Jan. 28, 1902,

at Roxbury. Had: Hiram Frank, b. Apr. 8, 1855; m. Georgina Card. Emma Francis, b. June 14, 1857; m. Albion H. Cain. Charles Henry, b. Dec. 1, 1866; m. Mira Kendall.

(6) Sara Elizabeth, b. May 18, 1836; m. Apr. 25, 1858; George Washington Rogers. Had: Geo. W., jr., b. Apr. 15, 1859; d. Apr. 18, 1859. Louise Frances, b. Nov. 12, 1860; m. Sept. 3, 1877, John Langdon Sibley.

(7) John Enva, b. Nov. 12, 1838.

(8) Perley Ebenezer, b. Mar. 28, 1842; d. Aug. 13, 1842.

187. HARVEY, b. June 1, 1798.

188. ABNER, b. May 12, 1801.

189. ENOS, jr., b. Mar. 25, 1804.

190. HARRIET, b. Apr. 24, 1808; m. Stephen W. Bliss.

191. CYNTHIA, b. May 9, 1814; m. Jacob Haskell; d. June 8, 1850.

112 Amos Hood, born in Topsfield, May 27, 1769. Married, first, in 1792, Sally Ramsdell; married, second, Rachel Coburn. He was a carpenter and lived in Chelsea, removing there in 1794.

Children of Amos and Sally :

192. AMOS R., b. Mar. 24, 1804; m. Feb. 3, 1836, Abigail Calley of Tunbridge, Vt.; 4 children. Druggist in Chelsea, Vt.

193. IRA, b. 1810; m. 1st, 1833, Achsah Green of Chelsea, Vt.; m. 2d, 1881, Ellen Titus. Shoemaker and hotel keeper at Chelsea, Vt.

Children of Amos and Rachel :

194. ALBERT.

195. THOMAS.

124 Joseph Hood, baptized Nov. 28, 1769, in Amherst, N. H., married, first, Mar. 12, 1794, in Amherst, Eleanor Woodbury, and second, March, 1829, Dorothy Kirk of Deering, N. H., daughter of John and Abigail (Green) Kirk. He came from Topsfield, Mass., with his father in 1782 and lived in Milford and afterwards in Amherst where he died June 15, 1855.

Children of Joseph and Eleanor, born in Milford :

196. SAMUEL, b. Oct. 7, 1794; m. Aug. 27, 1820, Sarah Blanchard; he d. Sept. 3, 1873; she d. Aug. 27, 1849. Farmer, lived in Milford; 8 children.

197. BETSEY, b. Apr. 24, 1796.
 198. DORCAS, b. Apr. 13, 1793; m. 1st, Timothy Blanchard; m. 2d, Luther Elliott.
 199. ELEANOR, b. June 1, 1800.
 200. JOSEPH, b. July 24, 1801.
 201. JEREMIAH, b. Aug. 13, 1802; m. in 1830, Harriet E. Elkins; cooper, and lived in Billerica and Lowell, Mass.; d. in Milford, N. H., Jan. 18, 1882, 10 children.
 202. ROBERT, b. Dec. 14, 1803; m. ——— Blood.
 203. JOHN, b. Mar. 2, 1805.
 204. SARAH, b. Jan. 25, 1807; m. Jan. 31, 1844, Elisha Swington of Mount Vernon; d. there July 3, 1869.
 205. CHARLES, b. Aug. 14, 1808; m. P. Elizabeth White.
 206. DAVID, b. Jan. 22, 1810; m. 1st, Mary Ann Gilchrist.
 207. NANCY, b. Mar. 13, 1812; m. Mar. 19, 1843, J. Bowen Jones; d. in Nashua, Dec. 13, 1889.

Children of Joseph and Dorothy, six born in Milford, four in Deering :

208. DANIEL, b. Nov. 23, 1829; m. Jan. 4, 1856, Mary Longley; lived in Dublin, N. H.
 209. HARRIET, b. Apr. 4, 1831; m. Sanford George.
 210. SUSAN, b. Mar. 23, 1833; m. 1st, George Goodwin; 2d, John Hunt of Hill, N. H.
 211. ANDREW J., b. June 14, 1835; Martha C. Straw of Weare, N. H.; lived in Goffstown.
 212. STEPHEN P., b. Sept. 15, 1837; d. in Deering, N. H.
 213. HIRAM, b. Oct. 25, 1839; went to sea abt. 1858; never heard from.
 214. ALLEN R., b. Apr. 8, 1842; m. May 28, 1868, Ellen R. Keyes of Milford, N. H. Hotel keeper at East Lempster.
 215. EDWARD P., b. Apr. 29, 1844; soldier in Civil War and afterwards in regular army. Supposed to have been killed by Indians with General Custer.
 216. ELEANOR, b. Aug. 24, 1847; m. Sept. 20, 1870, George Tenney of Goffstown.
 217. JOHN J., b. June 30, 1850.

131 Francis Hood, born Dec. 1, 1780, married Sept. 16, 1804, Hannah Gould, born Sept. 1, 1781. Farmer and lived in Boxford. She died May 4, 1862.

Children of Francis and Hannah:

218. JEREMIAH, b. Nov. 4, 1804, at Topsfield; d. Jan. 20, 1857, in Danvers; m. Nov. 1, 1840, Eliza Carter of Stoneham. Had:

- (1) Sarah Ellen, b. Apr. 7, 1842; (2) William Henry, b. May 26, 1848.
219. SALLY, b. Apr. 28, 1806, at Ipswich; d. May 29, 1810.
220. GEORGE W., b. Jan. 9, 1808; m. Oct. 20, 1836, Louisa, dau. of Abraham and Betsey Perley of Boxford. Farmer. He d. in Danvers, Feb. 9, 1892; she d. in Danvers, Aug. 23, 1902. Had: (1) Caroline A., b. Apr. 29, 1838, in Boxford; m. Apr. 17, 1860, Elias P. Peabody, s. of Ebenezer and Abigail (Perkins) Peabody of Topsfield; (2) Charlotte A., b. Mar. 18, 1841, in Topsfield; m. Apr. 11, 1867, in Danvers, Addison W. Putnam; d. Sept. 16, 1867.
221. CAROLINE, b. Nov. 14, 1809; d. June 12, 1810.
222. ANDREW G., b. Sept. 19, 1811; d. Oct. 17, 1813.
223. SALLY, b. Oct. 4, 1813; d. in Boxford, Apr. 27, 1893; unm.
224. ALLEN G., b. Apr. 12, 1816; m. June 12, 1850; Irene Belsora Gould of Topsfield, b. Mar. 7, 1823, d. Mar. 5, 1892, in Georgetown. Lived in Georgetown where he d. Apr. 21, 1878. Had: (1) Mary Catherine Pingree, b. July 9, 1851; d. Feb. 25, 1864; (2) Irene Belsora Allen, b. Sept. 3, 1869.
225. BENJAMEN, b. Feb. 4, 1818; farmer; d. unm. June 25, 1897, in Boxford.
226. MARY ANN, b. Apr. 26, 1820; d. Sept. 12, 1822.
227. IRENE, b. Feb. 16, 1822; d. Feb. 14, 1825.
228. FRANCIS AUGUSTUS, b. Apr. 9, 1825; private in 40th Mass. Vols.; wounded at the battle of Cold Harbor and d. in Patterson Park Hospital, Baltimore, Md. June 27, 1864; m. May 15, 1853, in Danvers, Elizabeth G., dau. of Joseph and Hannah Perley of Ipswich. Had: Warren A. who d. Mar. 7, 1879, in Danvers. She m. 2d, Oct. 8, 1866, in Danvers, Judson W. Dodge, s. of Adoniram and Julia Dodge of Wenham.,

138 Josiah Moulton Hood, born in Wenham, July 22, 1776, married, first, at Hamilton, Dec. 26, 1799, Sally Dodge of Wenham. She died July 18, 1806, aged 25 years and he married, second, Aug. 23, 1821, Betsey Cook of Glover, Vt., where he was living in 1839. She was born, 1786, and died Mar. 29, 1852, at Glover, Vt. About the time of his second marriage he removed to Sheffield, Vt., and then to Glover, Vt., where he died Aug. 26, 1865.

Children of Josiah and Sally :

229. A daughter, d. young.
230. JOHN, b. May 8, 1806.

Children of Josiah and Betsey :

231. CALVIN H., b. Nov. 23, 1823, at Sheffield, Vt., m. Dec. 29, 1850, May Bickford. Soldier in the Civil War and lives at Turner's Falls, Mass. Had: Lucinda, Lucy, George, Calvin Henry, Charles, John Frederick, Daniel L., William P.
232. PHILIP PERLEY, b. Apr. 12, 1825; d. Jan. 22, 1844, at Glover, Vt.

144 Jacob Hood, born Dec. 25, 1791, at Topsfield, married June 1, 1820, Sophia Needham, born Jan. 1, 1797, at Lynnfield, daughter of Daniel and Edie (Flint) Needham of Danvers. He was graduated from the public schools and attended Bradford Academy. Later he went to Pelham, N. H., where he studied medicine but his health did not permit him to complete the course and he began to teach school at Andover, Mass. He afterward taught in Danvers, Topsfield, Middleton, Marblehead and Salem. As a teacher he was remarkable for his penmanship, and for his success in elocution. He was an excellent grammarian and a strict disciplinarian. He came to Salem in 1822, and lived there for over forty years. In 1823 he joined the South Church, of which he became Deacon, and was leader of the choir for many years. In 1852, he turned his attention to vocal music, leading classes of from 200 to 300, with his violin. He also often wrote music of sterling merit. In 1852 he served as colporteur for two counties, in New Hampshire, distributing Bibles. In 1858 at Gilmanton, N. H., he was approved as a preacher, and in 1859 was ordained at Nottingham, N. H., where he remained until 1866, when he removed to Lynnfield Centre, Mass. There he became acting pastor of the Second Congregational Church, resigning his charge in 1880. He died Jan. 17, 1886. She died Dec. 11, 1886.

Children of Jacob and Sophia, last six born in Salem :

233. Infant child, buried Mar. 4, 1821, at Marblehead.
234. JACOB AUGUSTINE, b. May 5, 1822, at Marblehead.
235. ELIZABETH SOPHIA, b. Mar. 16, 1824; m. July 11, 1843, Henry Merritt, b. June 4, 1819 in Marblehead, s. David and Anne (Ashby) Merritt. He was commissioned Lt.-Col. of the 23d Regt., Mass. Vols., Sept., 1861, and fell Mar. 14, 1862, while leading his regiment at the battle of Newberne, N. C.

She d. July 12, 1879, at Salem; Children: (1) Henry Augustine, b. June 15, 1845, in Salem; m. Aug. 1, 1870, Louisa F. Symonds; d. Oct. 12, 1891. Had: Henry A.; Arthur. (2) Elizabeth Sophia, b. Sept. 19, 1848, in Salem; m. Sept. 3, 1873, Charles H. Goss, b. Salem. They reside in Boston. (3) Walter Howard, b. Aug. 26, 1852; m. Apr. 30, 1890, May Munroe Tucker. They reside in Lynn.

236. MARY JANE, b. Nov. 23, 1827, in Salem; m. May 10, 1849, George Chapman Bosson. He was b. Oct. 11, 1825, at Charlestown, s. of Jonathan Davis and Lydia (Palfray) Bosson. He entered the dry goods business at an early age, afterwards becoming a commission merchant in Boston, under the firm name of G. C. Bosson and Co. In 1880 he became a partner of Reed & Brother, in the insurance business. He resided in Chelsea. All of the eighty lines of ancestry of Jennie Hood and George C. Bosson, came to Salem and vicinity before 1650. He d. Mar. 7, 1900, at Reading. Children: (1) Jennie Hood, b. Feb. 26, 1850, in Salem; m. May 25, 1870, Frederick William Hatch, in Chelsea. He was b. Apr. 14, 1845, in Bath, Me., s. Capt. William Boyd and Sarah (Hunter) Hatch. He d. Dec. 18, 1897, in Boston. (2) Albert Davis, b. Nov. 8, 1853, in Chelsea; m. May 18, 1887, Alice Lavinia Campbell, b. Apr. 9, 1866, dau. Charles A. and Lavinia (Hutchinson) Campbell of Chelsea. Children born in Chelsea: Campbell, b. Nov. 18, 1888; Pauline Arlaud, b. Feb. 24, 1894. (3) Harry Palfray, b. Feb. 26, 1857, in Chelsea; m. Apr. 26, 1883, Florence Richmond Eustis, b. June 7, 1861, dau. James Everett French and Annie (Pratt) Eustis of Chelsea. Children: Eustis, b. Feb. 8, 1884, in Chelsea. (When he was born he had living, four grandparents, and five great-grandparents); d. Dec. 30, 1907; George Chapman, 3d, b. Oct. 11, 1886, at Reading; Genevieve, b. Aug. 14, 1890, at Reading. (4) Frederick Needham, b. Dec. 15, 1860, in Chelsea; m. 1st, Apr. 27, 1882, Caroline Augusta Goodrich, b. Aug. 20, 1860, in Boston; dau. James Jasper and Margaret Augusta (Hurley) Goodrich. She d. Jan. 29, 1904, at Calumet, Mich. Had: Amy Goodrich, b. Nov. 19, 1883, in Medford, Mass. He m. 2d. Sept. 29, 1906, Bessie M. Chambers. (5) George Chapman, jr., b. June 11, 1865, in Chelsea; m. Dec. 14, 1887, at Lawrence, Mary Emma Fisher, b. Nov. 30, 1866, at Lawrence, dau. James Cumleigh, b. Feb. 22, 1838, in Bradford, Eng., and Emma Abbott Fisher.

237. SARAH NEEDHAM, b. Aug. 21, 1829; d. Aug. 31, 1830.
238. SARAH FLINT NEEDHAM, b. Aug. 22, 1831; m. Aug. 11, 1853, Edward Augustus Webster, b. Feb. 15, 1824, in Salem, s. Stephen and Abigail (Messer) Webster. They lived at Chicago, Ill. He d. Feb. 16, 1905. She d. Sept. 6, 1907, in Danvers. Had : (1) Stephen Augustus, b. June 12, 1856, in Salem; m. Aug. 15, 1892, Estelle A. Goodrich, in Chicago, Ill. (2) Elizabeth Walker, b. Jan. 9, 1858, in Beloit, Wis.; m. July 7, 1889, Frank M. Hughes, of Schuyler, Neb., b. 1859. Children, b. at Schuyler, Neb.: Maybelle, b. Apr. 28, 1890; Ede May, b. July 5, 1892; Estelle, b. Mar. 24, 1903.
239. DANIEL NEEDHAM, b. Sept. 25, 1833.
240. GEORGE HENRY, b. May 30, 1835.

148 David Hood, born Sept. 3, 1797, married June 5, 1820, Phebe Foster, born Jan. 27, 1797, daughter of Thomas and Lydia (Batchelder) Foster of Linebrook parish, in Ipswich. She died in Topsfield, Sept. 29, 1875, aged 77 years, 7 mos. 29 days. By an act of the Legislature he had his name changed from David to Westley De La Fletcher. He d. in Boxford, Mar. 22, 1852.

Children of David and Phebe :

241. ELIZA CHARLOTTE, b. Dec. 15, 1820; m. Jan. 13, 1848, William Hall of Danvers; d. Feb. 3, 1866. Children: (1) Edward Clarence, b. May 31, 1850; (2) Son, b. Oct. 26, 1855, d. Mar. 1856; (3) Alice Greenwood, b. Dec. 25, 1860; d. Feb. 21, 1866.
242. SALMON DUTTON, b. Feb. 17, 1830.

151 Richard Hood, born Dec. 9, 1802, in Topsfield, married, first, Sept. 22, 1825, Asenath, daughter of Moses and Mary Smith. She was born Sept. 21, 1798, in Henniker, N. H., and died Oct. 4, 1859, in Danvers, Mass., where they resided. He married, second, Jan. 27, 1861, Harriet, daughter of Daniel and Mary (Woods) Parker of Groton, Mass. She was born Jan. 28, 1834. He died Apr. 20, 1881. He lived in Danversport, where he owned a grist mill and also was a contractor. He was prominent in the anti-slavery movement in Essex County, and at the outbreak of the Civil War enlisted Oct. 17, 1861, in Co. G, 23d Mass. Inf.; was appointed wagon master of the regiment and later was appointed wagon master of the brigade under General Burnside; discharged Oct. 21, 1862, for disability. He was coroner and deputy sheriff for a number of years.

Children of Richard and Asenath:

243. **RICHARD BRAINARD**, b. Jan. 31, 1826, in Topsfield.
244. **RUTH**, b. June 30, 1827, in Topsfield; m. Apr. 30, 1848, in Danvers, Ebenezer Bolls Buxton, b. May 7, 1824, in Richmond, N. H.; lived at North Reading. She d. Aug. 5, 1872. He d. Jan. 27, 1895. Had: (1) Mary Susan, b. Sept. 20, 1849; (2) Charles Adams, b. Apr. 18, 1851; (3) Richard Hood, b. May 16, 1853; d. July 7, 1885; (4) Albert Henry, b. Sept. 21, 1854; (5), Elsie Asenath, b. Feb. 10, 1858.
245. **FRANCES MALVENA**, b. Jan. 4, 1829, in Topsfield; m. May 5, 1848, Charles Adams, b. Dec. 28, 1826, at Brookfield, Mass., and d. Oct. 5, 1865, at Atlanta, Ga. She now lives at Nashville, Tenn. Had: (1) Addie Frances, b. Sept. 5, 1849, at Danvers; m. Nov. 18, 1865, Harry Van Allen McCrea of Chatham, C. W.; d. Jan. 8, 1868; (2) Charles Francis, b. Apr. 22, 1852, at Malone, N. Y.; d. July 5, 1866, at Nashville, Tenn.; (3) Samuel Hamilton, b. Sept. 12, 1854, at Hamilton, C. W.; (4) Carrie Bell, b. Feb. 9, 1857, at Racine, Wis.; d. Nov. 11, 1895; (5) George More, b. July 5, 1860, at Elizabethtown, Ky.
246. **WILLIAM ORVIN**, b. May 4, 1830, in Danvers.
247. **ADONIRAM JUDSON**, b. Apr. 7, 1832, in Danvers.
248. **ELSA ASENATH**, b. Jan. 10, 1834, in Danvers; d. Jan. 14, 1835.
249. **ALONSO LEROY**, b. Aug. 7, 1836, in Danvers; d. Jan. 18, 1837.
250. **MARY ASENATH**, b. Apr. 25, 1838, in Danvers; m. Dec. 22,

1857, Leonard C. Legro, b. May 8, 1834. They live at Lynn. Children: (1) James, b. Jan. 25, 1858; d. Oct. 5, 1858; (2) Lizzie, b. Aug. 30, 1859; m. June 1, 1887, Walter Webber, of Lynn; (3) Anthon Porter, b. Oct. 2, 1862; (4) Catherine, b. Aug. 8, 1867; d. Sept. 4, 1877; (5) Elmer R., b. Nov. 20, 1869; (6) Luella Frances, b. May 11, 1873; unm; (7) Alice, b. June 20, 1875 (adopted by her uncle Adoniram Judson Hood).

251 ALONZO LE ROY, b. Apr. 30, 1840 in Danvers; d. Sept. 4, 1840.

Child of Richard and Harriet, born in Danvers:

252 WALLACE PARKER, b. Dec. 3, 1863, in Danvers; m. Nov. 10, 1887, Lizzie Frances Hood, b. Sept. 9, 1864, dau. of William Henry and Augusta P. (Dodge) Hood of Danvers. In the wholesale leather business in Boston, trustee of Peabody Institute, and Electric Light Commissioner. They live in Danvers. Had: Helen Dodge, b. Jan. 27, 1892.

153 Rev. George Hood, born Feb. 10, 1807, married Dec. 26, 1844, Martha Ann Bell of Newark, Del. She was born Apr. 27, 1819, and was the daughter of Rev. Samuel and Mary Snodgrass Bell. She died at Minneapolis, Minn., Feb. 2, 1894. Rev. George Hood died there Sept. 24, 1882. In early life he taught penmanship and vocal music, directing large choruses in Richmond, Philadelphia, and other large cities. After 1855 he became the principal of a successful finishing school for young ladies, located first at Newark, Del., and afterwards at Chester, Pa. The latter part of his life he became minister of Presbyterian churches in New York and Minnesota. He was the author of "A History of Music in New England," Boston, 1846, a work of much interest and historical value.

Children of George and Martha Ann:

- 253. GEORGE ALFRED, b. July 13, 1846, at Philadelphia, Pa.
- 254. EDWARD CLEEVES, b. Apr. 21, 1848, at Lawrenceville, Pa.
- 255. MARY GOULD, b. Mar. 10, 1850, at Bath, N. Y.; physician and lives in Newton, Mass.
- 256. EMMA, b. Mar. 8, 1852, at Southport, N. Y.; school teacher.
- 257. JOHN HAMILTON, b. Oct. 24, 1857, at Newark, Del.; d. May 24, 1858.

258. CHARLES HOWARD, b. July 14, 1860, at Chester, Pa.; m. 1st Nov. 18, 1885, Marguerite Lodge Hopkins; she d. Oct. 17, 1889. Had: (1), Mary Watzek, b. Oct. 15, 1889. He m. 2d, Emma Allen. Had: (2) Virginia Thurston, b. May 3, 1902.

158 Elisha Hood, born in Topsfield, Dec. 13, 1796, married June 14, 1821, Betsey, daughter of Joshua and Rachel Herrick, born in Wenham, Jan. 29, 1796 (1797. Bible rds.) She died Nov. 7, 1824, and he died in Topsfield Jan. 15, 1830.

Child of Elisha and Betsey:

259. ELISHA AUGUSTUS, b. Apr. 5, 1822, in Haverhill.

160 John Gould Hood, born June 4, 1807, in Topsfield, married June 7, 1832, Sarah, daughter of David and Sarah (Gould) Brown of Boxford. She was born Aug. 16, 1804. He died June 6, 1858, and she died Feb. 4, 1876. They lived in Topsfield.

He was a farmer and manufacturer of coffins. While a young man he taught school in Boxford, Topsfield and Georgetown, and afterwards studied law and made a specialty of conveyance and probate practice. He was town treasurer, 1839, 1850; auditor, 1840; selectmen, 1846; assessor, 1848-1858; and member of the school committee, 1845, 1846, 1849 and 1855.

Children of John Gould and Sarah, born in Topsfield:

260. SARAH Maria, b. Feb. 20, 1833; m. June 4, 1856, Oliver Downing, s. Edward and Sarah (Henfield) Downing of Lynnfield Centre. He d. Dec. 13, 1904. Had: (1) Sarah Ellen, b. June 22, 1858, in Topsfield; (2) Cora Maria, b. Mar. 19, 1863, in Lynnfield Centre; d. Aug. 14, 1863.
261. EDWARD HARRISON, b. Oct. 2, 1834; d. Oct. 14, 1836.
262. ELLEN AUGUSTA, b. Aug. 22, 1839; m. Feb. 6, 1861, William Welch, carpenter, s. Thomas and Letitia Welch, of Newburyport; d. Mar. 13, 1906. They lived in Topsfield. Had: (1) Justin Hood, b. Aug. 21, 1862; m. Dec. 28, 1899, Abby Jane (Cummings) Gould, wid. of William Porter Gould of Topsfield, and daughter of Alfred and Salome M. (Welch) Cummings; carpenter, lives in Topsfield; (2) William Brown, b. Mar. 4, 1864; m. 1st, Aug. 9, 1893, Lillian Ina Peckham of Plymouth, Mass., dau. of George T. and Caroline E. (Odell) Peckham; she d. Jan. 30, 1900; m. 2d,

May 20, 1902, Helen Augusta Dunham of Plymouth, dau. of Isaac T. and Angeline (Bartlett) Dunham. Had: Truman Bartlett, b. June 13, 1905, in Plymouth. In business in Plymouth, Mass. (3) Leone Parker, b. May 14, 1872; m. Oct. 6, 1904, Mary Adeline, dau. of Augustus Willard and Harriet Bartlett (Shaw) Smith of Topsfield; conveyancer, lives in Topsfield. Had: Alice Hood, b. Sept. 17, 1907.

263. JOHN HERBERT, b. Sept. 13, 1840; d. Aug. 10, 1842.

161 George Hood, born in Lynn, Nov. 10, 1806, married in Salem, Sept. 11, 1833, Hermione, daughter of Maj. Aaron and Mary Kemp Breed. She was born March 18, 1812 and died Jan. 20, 1887. Engaged in the shoe and leather business and became very prominent in business and politics; was elected the first mayor of Lynn, in 1850, and served two terms; was several times a representative to the General Court; a State Senator in 1843; and a member of the Constitutional Convention in 1853. He died June 29, 1859, in the Asylum for the Insane, at Worcester.

Children of George and Hermione, born in Lynn:

264. HARRIET MARIA, b. Aug. 27, 1834, in St. Louis; unm.
 265. GEORGE ABBOTT, b. Sept. 7, 1835.
 266. ADELAIDE MARGARETTA, b. Oct. 28, 1836; d. Oct. 9, 1838.
 267. EDWIN ELIOT, b. Aug. 10, 1838; buried Aug. 27, 1838.
 268. EDWIN, b. Aug., 1839; buried Aug. 3, 1839.
 269. JULIUS SEDGWICK, b. Oct. 7, 1840; d. Dec. 21, 1861, Louisville, Ky.
 270. HENRIETTA AGNES, b. June 18, 1843; m. Dec. 2, 1873, James E. Bigelow.
 271. HENRY, b. May 28, 1844; d. May 28, 1844.
 272. CAROLINE PERSIS (Kate P.), b. July 23, 1845; m. May 10, 1870, Hall W. Tebbetts of Rochester, N. H., shoe manufacturer.
 273. AUBREY, b. July 18, 1846; d. July 28, 1857.
 274. ADA HERMIONE, b. May 21, 1848; m. Oct. 3, 1872, Louis Henry Bonnell of the Island of St. Thomas, W. I.
 275. EDWARD KENT, b. Jan. 18, 1850; m. Oct., 1874, Fanny A., dau. of Jas. L. and Caroline A. Dayton of Brooklyn, N. Y. She d. Feb. 13, 1889, and he d. Dec. 16, 1904. Merchant. Had: (1) George, b. June 26, 1874 in Lynn; (2) Carrie Adelaide, b. July 28, 1876 in Lynn; (3) Harriet Maria, b. Aug. 24, 1878 in Lynn; (4) Addie Kemp, b. July 23, 1880 in Cambridge; d. Mar. 5, 1907.

276. MARY, b. Oct. 21, 1852; m. July 30, 1873 in Brooklyn, N. Y., Albert Bonnelli of the Island of St. Thomas, W. I.; d. June 1, 1907, in Boston.

163 Abner Hood, born July 29, 1812, married Margaret Jones of Baltimore, Md., who died in St. Louis, Mo., in 1883. He was engaged in the shoe business in St. Louis, Mo., where he died in 1867.

Children of Abner and Margaret :

277. GEORGE JONES, b. Nov., 1837; d. 1876; married.
 278. FRANCIS XAVARA, b. June, 1840, in St. Louis; d. July 27, 1858, Lynn.
 279. MARGARET, b. Nov. 18, 1846; unm.
 280. MARY HERMIONE (twin), b. Mar. 13, 1850; unm.
 281. ABNER (twin), b. Mar. 13, 1850; engaged in manufacturing chemicals in Kansas City where he d. in 1906.
 282. LOUISE, b. Jan. 27, 1852.

182 Abraham Hood, born June 28, 1790 in Boxford, married Eliza, daughter of Enos and Gillin (Lane) Hood of Chelsea, Vt. He lived in Salem, Mass. until about 1812 when he removed to Chelsea, Vt. and lived with his great uncle Enos Hood (No. 110). He became a successful farmer. He died July 11, 1878 in Salem, Mass. She was born Apr. 21, 1794 in Chelsea, Vt., and died Feb. 25, 1867 in Salem.

Children of Abraham and Eliza :

283. ASA, b. Dec. 25, 1811, in Chelsea, Vt.; m. Sarah Carey; d. Jan. 11, 1883, New Ipswich, N. H.
 284. HENRY P., b. Dec. 31, 1812, in Chelsea, Vt.; d. Mar. 16, 1886, at Salem, Mass.
 285. ABRAHAM K., b. Aug. 14, 1815, at Chelsea, Vt.; m. 1st, Elizabeth Porter, b. Dec. 25, 1810, and d. Apr. 5, 1843. Had: (1) Harrison Porter, b. Feb. 27, 1841; m. June, 1863, Vesta Jane Merrill, b. Feb. 1, 1840; he d. Aug. 5, 1897. Had: (a) Oqui Porter, b. June 14, 1865, m. Gertrude P. Benight, b. Nov. 10, 1861. They live at Houghton, Mich., where he occupies the chair of Mechanics and Electricity in the College of Mines. Children: Ben Benight, b. Nov. 1, 1886; Karl Kedzie, b. Nov. 3, 1889; an infant b. and d. 1895; Harrison Porter, 2d. (b) Arthur Merrill, b. Dec. 25, 1871; m. Apr. 16, 1895, Alice Burgess Johnson. He is a lawyer in In-

- dianapolis, Ind. Children: Mary Arnold, b. Mar. 7, 1896; Dorothy Merrill, b. Oct. 25, 1899; Harold Burgess, b. Sept. 24, 1902. (c) Ernest K., b. May 1, 1873; m. 1895, Harriet Simonton, b. Aug. 12, 1873. He is a mechanical engineer and lives in Indianapolis. (d) Mabel, b. Dec. 3, 1877; m. July, 1899, L. Guy Long, b. Feb. 1878. Lives in Indianapolis.
- Abraham K. Hood, m. 2d, Adeline M. Baker, b. Mar. 1, 1816; d. Sept. 26, 1891. He d. Feb. 13, 1890 at Lowell, Mass. Children: (2) George Augustus, b. Aug. 18, 1849. Lives in Lowell. (3) Ida Adelia, b. July 9, 1853; m. 1st, Wyatt M. Stevens, b. July 14, 1853. Had: Edward H., b. May 11, 1877, d. Aug. 28, 1880; m. 2d, Rufus H. Burgess, b. Apr. 26, 1840. Lives in West Groton, Mass.
286. WILLIAM LANE, b. Sept. 17, 1817, in Chelsea, Vt.; m. Nov. 25, 1844 in Lowell, Ann Maria Dole of Lynn. Carpenter. Lived in Lowell, Salem and Concord, N. H. She d. Aug. 25, 1894. Had: Maria, Susan Ella, Seth Richmond and William E. He d. Aug. 14, 1908, in Concord.
287. ELIZA ANN, b. Mar. 12, 1820, at Chelsea, Vt.; m. 1841-2, Wm. A. Preston of Salem; d. Oct. 17, 1845.
288. MARTHA PRESTON, b. June 11, 1821, at Chelsea, Vt.; m. William Curtis; d. Apr. 22, 1903 at Stoughton, Mass.
289. HIRAM D., b. Nov. 21, 1823, at Chelsea, Vt.; d. in Boston, Mass.
290. DAVID BEADLE, b. Jan. 6, 1826, at Chester, N. H.; m. 1848, Abigail Very Dowst of Salem where he lived and d. June 17, 1870. Master-carpenter. Had: (1) David Curtis, b. Dec. 14, 1848; m. Feb. 19, 1879, Annie M. Nichols of Salem, and had: (a) Ernest Nichols (twin), b. Feb. 3, 1881; (b) Frederick Curtis (twin), b. Feb. 3, 1881; (c) Grace Eliza, b. Feb. 24, 1886. (2) Alice, b. Dec. 22, 1850; m. 1st, Simon A. Stodder of Salem; m. 2d, Silas Locke of Salem. Had: Bessie H., b. Mar. 28, 1873. (3) Frank, b. Apr. 3, 1853; m. June 13, 1875, Arabella G. Silver of Yarmouth, N. S. Mason. Had: (a) Emma F., b. Mar. 23, 1876; (b) Nellie B., b. Dec. 12, 1878. (4) Katie Dowst, b. June 8, 1856; m. Jan. 18, 1883, George W. Moulton of Salem. Had: Lucy M. b., Mar. 22, 1887. (5) Willis, b. May 12, 1859; m. Apr. 18, 1883, Minnie A. Mansfield. Lives in Salem.
291. HARRIETT E., b. Sept. 10, 1828, at Salem, Mass.; m. George Curtis. He d. May, 1881. She d. Aug. 20, 1906 at Danvers, Mass.
292. CATHERINE G., b. Dec. 17, 1830, at Salem, Mass.; d. Feb. 15, 1866(?) at Chelsea, Mass.
293. SUSAN M., b. Nov. 12, 1833, at Salem, Mass.; m. Henry Nichols; d. Feb. 3, 1889 at Salem.

187 Harvey Hood, born June 1, 1898, married Sept. 23, 1821, Rebecca Smith, and lived in Chelsea, Vt. She was born Aug. 6, 1797, and died Oct. 27, 1882. He died Sept. 18, 1879.

Children of Harvey and Rebecca, born in Chelsea, Vt. :

294. HARVEY PERLEY, b. Jan. 6, 1823.
 295. GILBERT E., b. Nov. 21, 1824; m. May 13, 1852 in Danvers, Frances E., dau. of John and Elizabeth Herrick; lived in Lawrence; d. 1905. School teacher.
 296. ELIZA P., b. Aug. 2, 1827; d. July 1, 1906, at Reading. Before her 16th y. she was teacher in a district school where she taught for ten years. Afterward she was principal Thetford Academy—a "feeder" for Dartmouth College—and Andover (N. H.) Academy. She taught graded schools at North Andover, N. H., Worcester and Lynnfield Centre, Mass. Her death was caused by an apoplectic shock, resulting from excitement and inhaling of smoke at a fire in her sister's house, with whom she lived.
 297. LUCINDA R., b. May 28, 1830; m. Aug. 20, 1857, Rev. Azro A. Smith, at Chelsea, Vt. He was b. Sept. 6, 1827, at Tunbridge, Vt. In 1863, he was admitted to the ministry, retiring from active work in 1899, when he removed to Reading. They celebrated their golden wedding in 1907. They have one child, Mrs. Edgar F. Reeves, who resides at Wayland, and two grandchildren.
 298. MARY A., b. Aug. 28, 1833; d. June 27, 1886.
 299. HENRY C., b. Nov. 19, 1835; d. Feb. 22, 1866.
 300. EDWARD P., b. Mar. 3, 1838; d. Nov. 6, 1860.
 301. ELLEN M., b. July 10, 1840; d. Apr. 20, 1860.

188 Abner Hood, born May 12, 1801, in Chelsea, Vt. He married Jan. 26, 1827, Joanna Brown, born Mar. 25, 1804. They lived in Somerville, Mass. where he died Apr. 18, 1867, and she died Feb. 9, 1887, at Madison, N. H.

Children of Abner and Joanna :

302. MARTIN CARLOS, b. Mar. 9, 1829, at Chelsea, Vt.; m. Aug. 8, 1860, Susan R. Hoyt; lived in Chelsea, Mass. He d. Sept. 27, 1885; she d. Feb. 28, 1900. Had: Anna, d. aged 1 y.
 303. HENRY ABNER, b. Aug. 22, 1830, at Chelsea, Vt.; d. unm. June 13, 1858 in Somerville, Mass.

304. JOANNA C., b. Dec. 23, 1833, at Worcester, Vt.; d. Mar. 26, 1837.
305. MARTHA CORNELIA, b. Feb. 14, 1838, at Bow, N. H.; m. Feb. 21, 1867, Nicholas Blaisdell, b. Mar. 27, 1832, d. Dec. 17, 1885, at Jacksonville, Fla. Had: Mary E., b. Mar. —, 1869.
306. CHARLES WHITE, b. Mar. 5, 1840, at Worcester, Vt.
307. MERCY BLAISDELL (twin), b. Oct. 11, 1843, at Worcester, Vt.; m. Dec. 25, 1865, Edward E. Hoyt, b. Feb. 2, 1837, and d. Apr. 14, 1903. They lived in Brookline, Mass. Had: (1) Edward E., b. July 2, 1867; (2) Milton H., b. Feb. 27, 1869; (3) Caleb E., b. Oct. 13, 1871; (4) Martin C., b. Apr. 26, 1874.
308. MILTON B. (twin), b. Oct. 11, 1843.

196 Samuel Hood, born Oct. 7, 1794; married, first, Sarah Blanchard; married, second, Mrs. Esther Moor.

Children of Samuel and Sarah:

309. ELLEN, m. Spaulding Sawtelle. Had: (1) Frank; (2) Mary Ellen, m. Alfred Burkinshaw; (3) Ella M., m. Joe Green.
310. SARAH, m. Franklin Nutting. Had: (1) Edson, m. Kate Elliott; (2) Georgianna, m. Otis Elliott; (3) Samuel; (4) Ida; (5) Jennie; (6) Hattie; (7) Nellie. The last four died of consumption between the ages of 15 and 20.
311. JANE, m. Sydney Barrett. No issue.
312. PHINEAS.

Children of Samuel and Esther:

313. SUMNER.
314. MARY ANN.
315. SUMNER, m. Matilda Cox.
316. HANNAH, m. John Kendall. Had: (1) Mary; (2) Mabel.

218 Jeremiah Hood, born in Topsfield, Nov. 4, 1804, married Eliza, daughter of John and Sally Carter of Stoneham. Lived in Danvers. He died Jan. 20, 1857, and she died Dec. 8, 1887, both in Danvers.

Children of Jeremiah and Eliza:

317. WILLIAM HENRY, b. May 26, 1848 in Danvers; d. Dec. 3, 1858.
318. JOHN F., b. 1853, in Danvers; m. Sept. 17, 1883, in Danvers, Sarah A. daughter of Charles H. and Mary G. Saunders of Orland, Me. Had: Ralph Saunders, b. Dec. 29, 1884, in Danvers; m. Dec. 28, 1905, in Danvers, Bertha F., dau. of Horace M. and Anna E. (Bates) Gilford of Danvers.

230 John Hood, born May 8, 1806, in Wenham, married Nov. 29, 1827, Rebecca, daughter of David and Mary O. Stanley of Beverly. She was born Jan. 6, 1808, at Beverly, and died Mar. 22, 1882, at Danvers. He died Oct. 5, 1867, at Danvers. Farmer and lived in Danvers. Member of School Board for many years.

Children of John and Rebecca:

319. **LYDIA ANN**, b. Nov. 20, 1828, at Wenham; m. May 20, 1847 in Danvers, Charles W. Brown; d. Oct. 13, 1891. Lived in Essex and Danvers. Had: (1) Frances Maria, b. Feb. 26, 1848; (2) Marcia Dodge, b. Jan. 15, 1851; (3) Ella Frances, b. June 26, 1854; (4) Ella Augusta, b. Apr. 25, 1856; (5) Charles Wallace, b. Oct. 30, 1859; (6) Lillian Frances, b. Dec. 26, 1861; (7) Joseph Edward, b. Oct. 25, 1864; (8) Dennison Leslie, b. Feb. 21, 1869.
320. **REBECCA STANLEY**, b. Aug. 5, 1830, at Wenham; m. July 14, 1846 in Beverly, Thaddeus Osgood, b. in Milford, N. H.; d. Dec. 26, 1854. Had: (1) Thaddeus, b. Sept. 5, 1847; (2) John Hood; b. Apr. 30, 1853.
321. **AMANDA BAILEY**, b. Aug. 19, 1832, at Wenham; m. May 2, 1851, in Danvers, William B. Jenness, s. of Samuel and Sally Jenness, b. in Strafford, N. H. Lived in Wenham and Alton, N. H. Had: (1) Alice Amanda, b. Oct. 20, 1854; (2) Harriet Elizabeth, b. Nov. 10, 1856.
322. **MARY ELIZABETH**, b. July 26, 1834, at Danversport; m. 1st, Feb. 24, 1856, Moses H. Goodwin, s. of Moses. He d. in Lynn, May 1, 1880; she m. 2d, Mar. 11, 1891, John W. Frost of Springvale, Me.; no issue; d. Aug. 24, 1895.
323. **WILLIAM HENRY**, b. Aug. 13, 1836, at Danversport.
324. **WENDELL PHILLIPS**, b. Feb. 25, 1839, at Danversport.
325. **JOSEPH EDWARD**, b. Mar. 26, 1841, at Danversport.
326. **CORNELIA ELIZA**, b. Mar. 5, 1844, at Danversport; m. June 17, 1871 at Saco, Me., John Francis Whipple, s. of Daniel and Adaline Whipple of Ipswich. Lives in Danvers. Had: (1) a child b. and d. Aug. 15, 1873; (2) Guy Montrose, b. June 12, 1876.
327. **EMELINE OSGOOD**, b. July 10, 1845, at Beverly, now Danvers; d. Mar. 21, 1903, in Danvers. (Emma O. Death rds.)

234 Jacob Augustine Hood, born May 5, 1822, at Marblehead, was graduated from Dartmouth College in 1844, and from Union Theological Seminary in New York

City in 1849. He was ordained and installed pastor of the Congregational Church, in Middleton, Mass., June 2, 1850. Afterwards he held pastorates in Pittsfield, and Loudon, N. H., and Schuyler, Neb., and filled many important public positions. He married, first, at Hamptonburgh, N. Y., Dec. 27, 1849, Kate Delia Hawkins. She was born in Scottstown, N. Y., Nov. 18, 1830, the daughter of Jacob Mills and Eleanor (Randall) Hawkins. She died Mar. 29, 1857, at Pittsfield, N. H. He married, second, Sept. 24, 1857, Emily Parker Greene. She was born May 9, 1838, at Pittsfield, N. H., daughter of Oliver P. and Charlotte Mayo (Fay) Greene. He died July 9, 1890, at Schuyler, Neb.

Children of Jacob Augustine and Kate Delia :

328. AUGUSTINE HAWKINS, b. Sept. 30, 1850; at Middleton, Mass.
 329. ELLEN RANDALL, b. Feb. 5, 1853, at Middleton; m. Fred W. Pattee, b. Sept. 1, 1846.
 330. KATE NEEDHAM, b. Dec. 11, 1856, at Pittsfield; N. H.; d. Apr. 19, 1876 at Lynnfield, Mass.

Children of Jacob Augustine and Emily Parker :

331. HERBERT FAY, b. Aug. 16, 1858, at Pittsfield, N. H.; d. Feb. 8, 1884, at Schuyler, Neb.
 332. HARRIET FLINT, b. Aug. 20, 1870, at Maroa, Ill.
 333. FLORENCE, b. Apr. 9, 1877; d. Apr. 22, 1877, at Schuyler, Neb.

239 Daniel Needham Hood, born Sept. 15, 1833, married, first, June 9, 1853, Maria Jennette Greenough. She was born Jan. 29, 1835, at South Boston, and was the daughter of John Grafton and Jennette (Putnam) Greenough. She died Feb. 21, 1880, at St. Augustine, Fla. He married, second, June 29, 1881, Helen (Burton) Balch. For thirty-eight years he was the head of the department of music in Rockford College in Illinois. In 1895 he removed to Woburn, Mass., where he is organist and musical director in the Congregational church.

Children of Daniel Needham and Maria Jennette :

334. NETTIE GREENOUGH, b. Jan. 25, 1855, at Brooklyn, N. Y.; m. Dec. 25, 1877, Frank D. Emerson. He d. Oct., 1907. Had: (1) Frances, b. May 29, 1882, at Rockford, Ill.; (2) Frederick Hood, b. Apr. 10, 1884, at Rockford, Ill.

335. **CARRIE FRANCES**, b. Oct. 4, 1858, at Rockford, Ill.; d. Mar. 20, 1880, at St. Augustine, Fla.
336. **GENEVIEVE**, b. Sept. 9, 1870, at Rockford, Ill.; m. Sept. 6, 1892, Jere Campbell, b. Nov. 9, 1868, at Chelsea, s. Charles A. and Lavinia (Hutchinson) Campbell. Had: (1) Richard Hood, b. Aug. 18, 1893, at Chelsea; (2) Barbara, b. Mar. 1, 1901, at Chestnut Hill. Lives at Providence, R. I.

240 George Henry Hood, born May 30, 1835, in Salem, married Sept. 18, 1859, at Chelsea, Frances Henrietta Janvrin. She was born in Chelsea, June 29, 1839, daughter of Dennis and Sarah (Knowles) Janvrin. Resided in Chelsea where he served in the Common Council. Founded the Boston Rubber Company and was interested in several other rubber manufacturing companies. Retired from business in 1896 and now lives in Hamilton.

Children of George Henry and Frances Henrietta, born in Chelsea:

337. **HELEN FRANCES**, b. June 28, 1860.
338. **GEORGE HENRY**, b. Oct. 1, 1862; d. Dec. 27, 1887.
339. **FREDERICK CLARKE**, b. Mar. 11, 1865; m. Nov. 4, 1891, Myra Tucker of Providence, R. I. Harvard University, 1886. With brother Arthur, established, in 1896, the Hood Rubber Co. at Watertown, Mass. Had: Donald Tucker, b. Feb. 13, 1893.
340. **ARTHUR NEEDHAM**, b. Feb. 15, 1868; m. Jan. 27, 1897, Ellen Katherine Van Voorhis, b. Dec. 13, 1867. Had: Frances, b. Mar. 3, 1899.
341. **RICHARD PERCIVAL**, b. Aug. 5, 1871; m. Nov. 12, 1906, Marie Bellanger. Harvard University, 1894. Lives in Paris, where he is European agent of the Hood Rubber Company.
342. **FLORENCE HENRIETTA**, b. May 11, 1876.

242 Salmon Dutton Hood, born in Topsfield, Feb. 17, 1830, married Mar. 31, 1850, Perthena Calista Pearson, who was born in Albany, Vt., Jan. 28, 1833, and was the daughter of John W. Pearson. They resided at Topsfield, in the homestead by Hood's Pond. She died Dec. 6, 1907. He was educated in the public schools and at Atkinson Academy and later studied probate law in the office of Col. Charles Kimball of Salem. He was a Justice of the Peace for nearly fifty years and much of his time

was devoted to the settlement of estates. For over 25 years he served as selectman and assessor in Topsfield, and also was superintendent of schools for several years, postmaster for seven years, and a well-known auctioneer. He died Feb. 18, 1908.

Children of Salmon Dutton and Perthena C. :

343. ELEANOR JENNESS, b. June 24, 1853; unm.; lives in Haverhill.
 344. WILBUR FLETCHER, b. Nov. 8, 1855.
 345. ELIZA CHARLOTTE, b. Dec. 29, 1857; m. Sept. 12, 1877, Frank L. Jacobs. Lived in Haverhill. Had one son, Francis Dutton, b. 1878.
 346. SUSAN ISABEL, b. Feb. 9, 1863; m. Jan. 17, 1882, Eugene Horace Perley; d. May 15, 1898. Children: (1) Ada Isabel, b. Nov. 25, 1882; (2) Arthur Warren, b. 1884, d. in infancy; (3) Albert Edward, b. Oct. 17, 1885; (4) Helen Hood, b. Nov. 19, 1887; (5) Reuben Noel, b. Dec. 6, 1889; (6) Robert Reuel, b. Feb. 5, 1892; (7) Rachel Olive, b. Aug. 26, 1894; (8) Lawrence Titcomb, b. Nov. 13, 1896.
 347. RALPH DUTTON, b. Aug. 28, 1874.

243 Richard Brainard Hood, born Jan. 31, 1826 in Topsfield. He married, first, May 28, 1848, in Beverly, Louisa Jane Webber of Shapleigh, Me. She was the daughter of John and Hepsibah (Beverly rds.) and was born May 14, 1826, and died Apr. 7, 1884. He married, second, in Salem, Oct. 27, 1886, Caroline, daughter of Joshua F. and Nancy (Flint) Safford of Northbridge. They lived in Danvers where he died Aug. 16, 1889. Contractor, teamster and street commissioner.

Children of Richard Brainard and Louisa Jane :

348. FRANKLIN EDSON, b. Feb. 2, 1850; unm.; d. Feb. 16, 1895, in Danvers. Boxmaker.
 349. FRED BRAINARD, b. July 20, 1858.

246 William Orvin Hood, born May 4, 1830, married Feb. 13, 1856, Martha, daughter of Isaac and Mary Caldwell. She was born Nov. 5, 1833, at Beverly, Mass. They reside in Danvers. Engaged in the livery stable business, then in the coal business and afterwards in the manufacture of leather-measuring machinery. Overseer of the poor for many years.

Children of William Orvin and Martha :

350. CHARLES WILLIAM, b. Dec. 20, 1860; m. June 1, 1893, Elizabeth Gardner, daughter of Nathaniel and Harriet M. (Putnam) Boardman, b. Dec. 1, 1861, at Danvers. Bookkeeper for Waldo Bros., Boston. Lives in Danvers.
351. CLARENCE ORVIN, b. Sept. 11, 1863, in Danvers.

247 Adoniram Judson Hood, born Apr. 7, 1832, married Jan. 9, 1855, Catharine Reynolds, daughter of Joseph, jr. and Catherine Porter of Beverly, and lived in Danvers and Beverly. She was born July 17, 1833, at Beverly. He died Aug. 16, 1895 at Beverly. Enlisted Oct. 21, 1861; discharged Oct. 30, 1864. Teamster.

Children of Adoniram Judson and Catharine R. :

352. NANCY PORTER, b. May 18, 1869; d. Aug. 27, 1869.
353. ALICE REYNOLDS, b. June 20, 1875, dau. of Leonard C. and Mary A. (Hood) Legro (adopted while an infant); m. Jan. 9, 1895, Edward A. Haibon. Lived in Beverly. Had: (1) Ruth Porter, b. June 23, 1897; (2) Albert Judson, b. June 7, 1900.

253 George Alfred Hood, born July 13, 1846, at Philadelphia, Pa., married Aug. 3, 1870, Mary Elizabeth Clark. Congregational minister, engaged in the Home missionary field. Is Home Missionary Superintendent for Colorado at the present time.

Children of George A. and Mary Elizabeth :

354. CORA CLARK, b. Apr. 29, 1871; m. Rev. Arthur Bumpus.
355. EDWARD CLARK, b. Mar. 10, 1874; m. Mabel Eddy of Newton, Mass. Had: (1) Donald, b. Sept. 26, 1905.
356. BESSIE BELL, b. Feb. 15, 1878; m. Oct. 12, 1906, Rev. Arthur Guy Graves.

254 Edward Cleeves Hood, born Apr. 21, 1848, at Lawrenceville, Pa., married June 6, 1878, Carrie Oakman Gardner of Hingham, Mass.

Children of Edward Cleeves and Carrie O. :

357. HELEN GARDNER, b. Mar. 22, 1879.
358. EDWARD OAKMAN, b. Sept. 26, 1883.
359. ANNA BELL, b. Aug. 25, 1884; d. Sept. 15, 1884.

259 Elisha Augustus Hood, born in Haverhill, April 5, 1822, married in Topsfield, April 18, 1844, Mary Jane, daughter of Josiah and Betsey Gould of Topsfield, born Dec. 30, 1824. He died in Boxford July 30, 1873, and she died in Georgetown April 11, 1896.

Children of Elisha Augustus and Betsey J.:

360. EDWARD AUGUSTUS, b. Sept. 16, 1845, in Topsfield (Sept. 17, Bible rds.); stable keeper; lived in Georgetown, where he d., unm., Apr. 4, 1896.
361. MARY ALICE, b. May 31, 1849, in Topsfield; m. Nov. 23, 1868 (Nov. 26. Bible rd.), Charles A. Beckford, s. of William and Lucinda F. (Small) Beckford; lived in Danvers and Salem. He d. in Salem, Mar. 13, 1896, æ. 50 y. Had: (1) Ralph L., b. Sept. 13, 1869, in Danvers; (2) Mabel Herrick, b. Nov. 16, 1881, in Salem.
362. ELIZABETH HERRICK, b. Apr. 16, 1852 (Bible rd.), in Boxford; d. Dec. 17, 1852, in Boxford.
363. WALTER GOULD, b. Mar. 9, 1854, in Boxford; d., unm., in Georgetown, Sept. 29, 1879.
364. NELLIE BROWN, b. June 25, 1858, in Topsfield; unm.; lives in Danvers.

265 George Abbott Hood, born Sept. 7, 1835, in Lynn, married, Nov. 23, 1858, Emma J. Calvert of Louisville, Ky. He died Oct. 17, 1865, in Lynn.

Children of George Abbott and Emma J.:

365. ELLA HERMIONE, b. Dec. 6, 1859, Louisville.
366. HARRIET MARIA, b. Sept. 8, 1861, Louisville.
367. PERSIS CALVERT, b. July 6, 1863, Cincinnati; d. Jan. 16, 1865, in Lynn.
368. CORA, b. July 6, 1863, in Lynn; d. in Lynn.

294 Harvey Perley Hood, born in Chelsea, Vt., Jan. 6, 1823, married May 5, 1850, Caroline L., daughter of John and Clarissa (Thompson) Corwin. They lived in Derry, N. H. With his three sons, he built up a large business as a milk contractor, having a large farm at Derry, with offices in Lynn, Boston, and Salem, and employing nearly 200 men. He died June 17, 1900.

Children of Harvey P. and Caroline L. :

369. LAURA CAROLINE, b. Sept. 6, 1851; m. Nov., 1893, John Walter Johnston.
370. CLARA REBECCA, b. Oct. 22, 1854; m. June 4, 1902, Greenleaf Kelly Bartlett.
371. NELLIE FRANCES, b. Oct. 23, 1856; m. Feb. 1, 1882, Marcel Nelson Smith. Had: (1) Clara Nellie, b. Dec. 6, 1882; d. Dec. 25, 1885; (2) Nelson Harvey, b. Feb., 1890; (3) Miriam, b. Oct. 15, 1891; (4) Lawrence Marcel, lived two weeks.
372. CHARLES HARVEY, b. Feb. 26, 1860; m. June 10, 1886, Katherine Wyman Eastman. He is a milk contractor and lives in Derry, N. H. Had: (1) Marion Allen, b. July, 1888; (2) Caroline Wyman; (3) Harvey Perley; (4) Sabra; (5) Helen Eastman.
373. EDWARD JOHN, b. Oct. 19, 1863; m. June 27, 1893, Harriet Geddes. He is a milk contractor and lives in Derry, N. H. Children: (1) Marjorie; (2) Zaida Marguerite.
374. GILBERT HENRY, b. May 11, 1866; m. June 27, 1893, Helen M. Davis. He is a milk contractor and lives in Derry, N. H. Children: (1) Emily Caroline, b. Nov. 30, 1897; (2) Gilbert Henry, b. Aug. 12, 1899.

306 Charles White Hood, born Mar. 5, 1840, at Worcester, Vt.; married Aug. 9, 1863, Mary B., daughter of Henry and Lorena (Palmer) Sutherland. She was born July 2, 1846, in New York City. They live in Jersey City, N. J.

Children of Charles W. and Mary B. :

375. LORENA JOANNA, b. Dec. 1, 1864.
376. ANNA MARTIN, b. Oct. 31, 1867.
377. CHARLES HERBERT, b. Nov. 28, 1869.
378. ALFRED COOKMAN, b. Dec. 23, 1873.
379. MILTON BROWN, b. Sept. 18, 1875.
380. RALPH SUTHERLAND, b. June 20, 1886.

308 Milton B. Hood, born in Worcester, Vt., Oct. 11, 1843; married June 26, 1872, Fanny, daughter of Joseph and Lucy J. (Reynolds) Montgomery. She was born Aug. 18, 1850, in Derry, N. H. They live in Melrose; manufacturer of cologne.

Children of Milton B. and Fanny :

381. MERCY MONTGOMERY, b. July 17, 1875.
 382. JOSEPH MONTGOMERY, b. Apr. 3, 1877.
 383. LAURA MONTGOMERY, b. Nov. 21, 1879.

312 Phineas Hood, married Mary J. Needham.

Children of Phineas and Mary J. :

384. ALICE JANETTE NEEDHAM ; m. Prof. Amos E. Dolbear of Tufts College. Children: (1) Alice Gertrude, b. Nov. 22, 1871, at Bethany, W. Va., d. Oct. 22, 1882, at College Hill; (2) Clinton Emerson, b. Dec. 10, 1873, at Bethany, W. Va., m. Mrs. Florabel Weatherbee, at Somerville. Children: Gertrude, b. May 20, 1900, in Hyde Park; Alice, b. May 20, 1902, in California. (3) Katy Ella, b. Oct. 18, 1875; (4) Mary Elizabeth, b. Mar. 14, 1885; (5) Samuel Hood, b. Dec. 6, 1886; (6) Benjamin Leslie, b. Dec. 1, 1887. The last four were born at College Hill, Mass.
385. ELLA MELINDA, m. 1st, Ivan Townsend; m. 2d, Rufus J. Culver.
386. IDA MARY.
387. LURA ETHYLENE, m. Elmer Clifford Clark.

323 William Henry Hood, born Aug. 13, 1836, at Danversport; married, first, Sept. 28, 1858, Sarah Elizabeth, daughter of Christopher Hammond, of Danvers. She was born Jan. 11, 1839, at Berwick, Me., and died Oct. 20, 1862. He married, second, Dec. 4, 1863, Augusta P., daughter of William Batchelder and Sophia (Friend) Dodge, of Beverly. She was born Feb. 22, 1834, in Beverly, and died Sept. 28, 1886. He married, third, Oct. 3, 1891, Mrs. Clara Tufts, daughter of Oliver and Betsey Trafton of Springvale, Me. She died Mar. 31, 1894, and he died Jan. 15, 1898. Wheelwright, and lived in Haverhill and Danvers. Deputy sheriff and tax collector for many years.

Child of William Henry and Sarah Elizabeth, born in Danvers :

388. JOSEPH EDWARD, b. Aug. 4, 1862; d. Sept. 28, 1862.

Children of William Henry and Augusta P. :

889. LIZZIE FRANCES, b. Sept. 9, 1864. (See 173.)
390. ADDIE REBECCA, b. Feb. 2, 1867; m. Dec. 16, 1891, Daniel W. Mason (2d m.), s. of Oliver and Elizabeth Mason of Fall River. Lived in Pawtucket, R. I. Had: (1) Kenneth Oliver, b. Apr. 12, 1893, in Pawtucket; (2) Francis Hood, b. Apr. 4, 1905.
391. CALEB BATCHELDER, b. Apr. 14, 1872; m. Jan. 5, 1898, Nina F., daughter of Henry T. and Lucy (Hardwick) Milton of Danvers, b. Jan. 7, 1873. They reside at Danvers. Bank clerk in Boston. Had: (1) Philip Milton, b. Mar. 19, 1902, in Melrose.

324 Wendell Phillips Hood, born Feb. 25, 1839, at Danversport; married Mar. 27, 1866, Maria Phelps, daughter of William R. and Mary Putnam. She was born Apr. 5, 1843, at Wenham. Enlisted in Co. A, 10th R. I. Vols.; discharged Sept. 1, 1862; enlisted Nov. 7, 1862, Co. F, 48th Inf.; hospital steward at Port Hudson and at Baton Rouge; discharged Sept. 3, 1863. Graduated at Dartmouth College in 1865. Principal of High School and Supt. of Schools for many years. Lives in Melrose.

Children of Wendell Phillips and Maria P., born at Red Wing, Minn. :

392. ROBERT PUTNAM, b. Feb. 17, 1868; m. Nov. 3, 1898, Mary Ann Campbell of Melrose, b. Aug. 17, 1873. Lawyer, Boston University Law School, 1890. They live in Melrose. No issue.
393. WILLIAM PHELPS, b. Apr. 2, 1870; d. Aug. 4, 1870.
394. SUSAN MABEL, b. May 10, 1876; Smith College, 1901; m. Oct. 5, 1904, George W. Emerson of Amesbury, s. of Charles W. and Susan (Littlefield) Emerson. Live in Amesbury. Had: (1) Edward Everett, b. Sept. 2, 1905, in Danvers; (2) Elizabeth Capen, b. Nov. 22, 1906, in Salem.

325 Joseph Edward Hood, born Mar. 26, 1841, at Danversport; married Nov. 18, 1866, Martha A., daughter of Joseph and Electa (Taylor) Gilpatrick, and lived in Danvers. She was born Mar. 30, 1843, at Shapleigh,

Me., and died Sept. 6, 1897, in Danvers. Lived in Danvers, where he died May 8, 1901. Enlisted Aug. 19, 1862, in Co. F, 35th Regt. Mass. Vols.; wounded July 30, 1864, at Petersburg, Va.; discharged Apr. 10, 1865, as sergeant. Postmaster at Danvers for nearly twenty years; town clerk, collector of taxes, and overseer of the poor.

Children of Joseph Edward and Martha A. :

392. RALPH OTHO, b. July 5, 1870; m. Oct. 6, 1898, Grace B., daughter of Jefferson and Emily J. (Berry) Hayes of Danvers, b. Aug. 21, 1879, at Stoneham, Mass. Electrical engineer. They live in Danvers. Had: (1) Ralph Stedman, b. June 11, 1899; (2) Grace Geraldine, b. Apr. 9, 1902; (3) Martha, b. June 17, 1907.
393. CHARLES E., b. Jan. 22, 1873; d. same day.
394. MABEL ELECTA (twin), b. June 26, 1877; m. Nov. 18, 1903, Nathan Perley Clark, s. of Nathan J. and Georgiana B. (Perley) Clark.
395. LEROY STANLEY (twin), b. June 26, 1877; d. May 31, 1879.

328 Augustine Hawkins Hood, born Sept. 30, 1850, at Middleton; married Nov. 25, 1879, Kate A. Fogerty, at Carlinville, Ill. She was born Feb. 12, 1858.

Children of Augustine Hawkins and Kate A. :

396. GEORGE DANIEL AUGUSTINE, b. May 26, 1881, at Carlinville.
397. LEO HERBERT, b. May 2, 1884, at Carlinville.
398. LOUIS, b. Aug. 2, 1887, at Bellevue, Neb.; d. May, 1893.
399. MARY KATE, b. Feb. 7, 1890, at Bellevue, Neb.

344 Wilbur Fletcher Hood, born Nov. 8, 1855; married, Dec. 19, 1880, Nettie Mabel, daughter of William M. and Martha Kneeland. Shoe cutter; lives in Topsfield.

Children of Wilbur Fletcher and Nettie M. :

400. ROY EATON, b. Sept. 6, 1882.
401. HARRIS LEON, b. Jan. 22, 1885.
402. ALICE, b. Aug. 2, 1899; d. Mar. 1, 1906.

347 Ralph Dutton Hood, born Aug. 28, 1874; married, first, Nov. 29, 1894, Annah Emerson Jacobs. She

died in Haverhill, Sept. 8, 1898. He married, second, Jan. 24, 1904, Maude Currier. Civil engineer; lives in Haverhill.

Child of Ralph Dutton and Annah E. :

403. PAUL EMERSON, b. Nov. 16, 1895.

347 Fred Brainard Hood, born July 20, 1858; married, Aug. 1, 1878, Sarah Lindsey, daughter of George H. and Priscilla (Harlow) Barrett, and lived in Danvers. She was born Aug. 14, 1859, in Marblehead, and died March 16, 1905, in Danvers. He died Feb. 3, 1902, in Danvers. Teamster and motorman.

Children of Fred Brainard and Sarah L. :

404. LOUISA BELLE, b. Feb. 14, 1879.

405. HARRY PRESTON, b. May 28, 1880.

406. MARIAN LINDSEY, b. Oct. 2, 1886.

351 Clarence Orvin Hood, born Sept. 11, 1863, at Danvers; married, Oct. 2, 1894, Abbie Elizabeth, daughter of Chauncey S. and Alice G. (Black) Richards, of Danvers. She was born Feb. 24, 1866, at Danvers. He is a dentist, and resides at Beverly.

Children of Clarence Orvin and Abbie E. :

407. CHAUNCEY RICHARDS, b. Nov. 21, 1895.

408. MARTHA, b. Feb. 25, 1898.

THE FRENCH ACADIANS IN TOPSFIELD
AND THEIR LIFE IN EXILE.

BY GEORGE FRANCIS DOW.

The French Acadians, sometimes improperly styled French Neutrals, who inhabited the western part of Nova Scotia in the vicinity of the Basin of Minas, were carried into exile among the English settlements along the Atlantic coast in accordance with a decision reached on July 28th, 1755, by the Governor and Council at Halifax. The first embarkation took place on the 8th of October and according to the best evidence families were kept together as much as possible. As nearly as may be computed the number of men, women and children transported was about six thousand. They were distributed along the coast from Maine to Georgia, nowhere finding a welcome, of alien birth and religion, a financial burden on the various towns where they chanced to be located, who can wonder that their lot was a hard one. Over one thousand Acadians found lodgement in Massachusetts and a committee was appointed by the General Court for the duty of distributing them among the several towns. These towns, while burdened with the care of the Acadians, were to be reimbursed from the Provincial treasury for all expenses that might be incurred in their support, for at the first the Acadians declared themselves to be prisoners of war and refused to work.

The towns adopted various methods in performing this duty. Usually some old building was rented and food supplies were allotted from time to time. In Lancaster, Mass., the Acadians were billeted among the farmers at 2s. 8d. per week. In making assignments among the various towns no consideration seems to have been given to the previous occupations of the aliens. At Lancaster, for example, the father of the family was a fisherman and as the town is situated nearly forty miles from the ocean there could be no opportunity for him to ply his trade. As water seeks its level, it is not strange that the family finally turned up at Weymouth on the coast, notwithstanding the fact that selectmen's permits were lacking, for journeying from one town to another without a permit signed by two selectmen was strictly forbidden by law, under penalty of five days imprisonment or ten lashes, and after much controversy and petition, there this family remained. The authorities seem to have had excellent reasons for placing many of these families at a distance from the sea shore as appears from the following petition:—

“To the Hon^{ble} the Council and House of Representatives in General Court now Sitting at Boston, Octob^r 6, A. D. 1756.

“Humbly Shew the Overseers of the Poor of the Town of Marblehead, that they have now under their Care Thirty-Seven of the late Inhabitants of Nova Scotia, of whome Sixteen are men (most of them Sea men). Those people for want of Convenience in the Town, were placed in three Houses near together, at a place called the Ferry, near to Salem Harbour, a mile at least from the Town Inhabitants, where they Stil remain. That their being together, and so remote from the Town gives them greate oppertunities of Caballing together & forming designs free from the notice of sd Over Seers, and 'tis generally Apprehended that the sd French may with ease put themselves & Families on board a Vessel or Vessels in either Salem, or this Harbour and make their escape in the night, which the Forts of these Harbours are in no condition to prevent. That tho in the Summer Season the men were considerably Employed in Labour whereby they partly subsisted their Families yet in the

Winter Season there will be no Employment for them in this place, so that those Families (who are in want of every-thing) must be supplied by sd Overseers at the public Charge which must be much greater here than in the Country.

"Wherefore the said Overseers Pray the sd French People may be removed from Marblehead, and be other ways disposed of as this Hon^{ble} Court shall think fit.

Nathan Bowen for the said Overseers.

"P. S. As those People are extremely averse to living in the Country tis likely that their knowledge of our desires to have them removed may forward their Attempting an escape wherefore hope your Honours will order their Remove as Soon as possible and Some guard Over them in the mean Time."*

A similar petition from the Overseers of the Poor at Salem gives evidence:—

"That about Twelve of the French Neutralls (so called) were at first sent to this town who were orderly persons & Willing to work for their Clothing & toward their Support. That since the Committee of the Court were pleased to order an additional Number of Twenty more who were of the French residing in or near Cape Sables, persons of a quite different Temper & behaviour, verry ungovernable & do but little towards their maintenance—but what is more They are a people so acquainted with boats & vessells, that there is considerable Hazard of their taking & Running away with some of the fishing Vessells belonging to this place, now beginning to fitt out or of ye merchant Vessells. The Inhabitants of the Town are therefore greatly uneasy at their being continued with us, who are so Exposed when the other seaports of Gloster Marblehead Boston and Charlstown have theirs removed into the Country Towns yr memorialists would further Inform yr Hon^{ble} Hon^{rs}—That by reason of this addition of neutralls The poor of our Town are Kept out of the Almshouse at a Considerable higher charge than they would be at if Entertained in that house wch by private Donations & otherways was built & appropriated only for the use of the poor. Further yr Memorialists Apprehend that their being continued within is a considerable Damage to the

*Massachusetts Archives, Volume 23, page 226.

Public as they are maintained at a place where the unavoidable charge for maintenance is more than as much again, as it would be in the Inland Towns.

"Your memorialists therefore most humbly Pray that you would order them to some other Town where there would be less Hazzard & where they might be less chargeable to the Government—And your memorialists as in Duty bound shall every pray.

Benjr. Pickman, p. order overseers Poor of Salem."

"In the House of Repes. Feb. 17th, 1757

"Read and Ordered, That ye Overseers of ye Poor of the Town of Salem, be and hereby are allowed & impowered at the Charge of the Province to remove the late Inhabitants of Nova Scotia, who have been placed there by Order of this Court or of his Majesty's Council, from said Town to ye Towns & in the proportions following, viz: Seven to Hopkington, five to Southborough & Eight to Tewksbury, And that ye Selectmen of said Towns be & hereby are directed to support ye said Inhabitants late of Nova Scotia in the manner as is directed by the Laws in that Case made & provided, and that the twelve of said Inhabitants who were first ordered to said Town of Salem be removed to ye Town of Sturbridge to be under the Care & direction of Moses Money Esqr who is hereby directed to provide for & Support them Accordingly, at as Small expense to the public as may be."*

The unfortunate family that was sent to Tewksbury received scant attention from the Overseers of that town and on Nov. 18th of the same year, the head of the family caused to have presented to the General Court the following petition:—

"The petition of Françoise Muisé humbly Sheweth. That your Petitioner formerly an Inhabitant of Cape Sables in Nova Scotia, A Part of that Country always friendly to ye English, and ready particularly to relieve the Fisherman, who frequently experienced their Protection and Hospitality, was placed, after he was brought to New England, at Salem with his Family, being Twelve Persons in all, where he abode 9 months and by the Favour of the People and their own

*Massachusetts Archives, Vol. 23, page 313.

works, were comfortably subsisted. But that after 9 months, The Government thought fit to remove them to a Town call'd Tewksbury, where they have suffered much, it being a small poor Town, very little work to be found, and for the little they do there is hardly any Pay to be got, so that though they are able and willing to work, they lose the Advantage. They are lodg'd in the most miserable House in the world, all the Timber rotten, not one square of Glass in the House, No Chimney but a few stones pil'd up to the Height of about Six feet, and then a Hole open thro the Top, so that they are smok'd to Death; add to this, that at every blast of wind they expect the House to be down upon their Heads, and think it a miracle that it has stood so long:

"Your Petitioner prays your Excellency and Honours to consider the miserable condition he must be in during the Winter in such a Situation, and to order him some Relief, He prays particularly that your Excellency and Honours would be pleased to remand him to Salem from whence he was remov'd where he liv'd comfortably and inoffensively, and where He and his Family can find the Means of supporting themselves by their Labour & Industry, with little Expence to the public: and your Petitioner shall ever pray, &c."*

The ultimate fate of this family does not appear.

A petition from John Labrador, the father of a large family which was sent to the adjoining town of Wilmington, reveals a pitiable condition. He prefaces his somewhat incoherent petition by stating that "while he lived at Maligash he was so faithful in Serving and assisting all Englishmen in distress and from the cruelties of the Indians that one Day in particular having sent away out of the harbour one Vessel which the Indians intended to prey on and which they forbid him at his peril, they way laid him coming from the Vessel and shot at him with Buck shott seven of Wich lodg'd in his flesh and Thirty odd went thro his coat which marks he now bears, having three yet in his back, but not satisfied with that they threatened to take his life away the first opportunity which oblig'd him to abandon his habitation and

*Massachusetts Archives, Vol. 23, page 509.

go live at Pisiquitte, but having done all the service in his powers and in a perishable condition was prest without any regard or pity shewed him which almost breaks his heart for those ten Weeks past he had had no kind of subsistance only one quarter Lamb, and about a quart Milk each Day among seven in family without Wood, having at Length refus'd him oxen to fech home his wood which he always cut himself, and left them now in that condition without victuals or firing, and in a kind of house without Doors or Roof for when it Rains they are oblig'd to shift their bed from part of the wett to leward and from a melting snow there is no screening, and having told one of the selectmen that we were a float in the house he said I must build a Boat and sail in it. He has with his family lived chiefly on acorns three Weeks without any pity and innumerable other cruelties too tedious to mention. Therefore if your honours would permit him to quit Wilminton that place of Woe, and come to Charlestown he would for you as in Duty bound for ever pray so hoping for the love of God (that your Honours being the fathers of your Country) you will help and redress the grievances of the Distressed and in this confidence subscribes himself

Your Honour's Most Dutiful Serv't,
Jn° Labrador.*

Wilmington, 26th Decr. 1757

It is pleasant to know that such tales of hardship and neglect are not on record in connection with the towns of Essex County.

Germain Laundry, with wife, 7 sons and 14 daughters, was located at Andover and seems to have received excellent care. The women, as well as men, worked in the fields, and the women especially employed themselves in pulling flax. This family finally set sail from Salem for their native land in 1766.

At Ipswich, about 20 were located. Both sexes wore wooden shoes. It is recorded that the men carved wooden ladles and sold them to the citizens of the town. A curé was allotted to Ipswich; no doubt a welcome presence to the heartsick exiles.

*Massachusetts Archives, Vol. 23, page 576.

Rowley supported fourteen Acadians, and Boxford at one time had nine, according to Gage, who also says of them that "they were remarkable for the simplicity of their manners, the ardor of their piety and the purity of their morals."

Soon after the arrival of the Acadians in the Province thirty-two were located in Salem, but in 1756 were removed to inland towns in answer to the foregoing petition. In 1764 Salem had forty-two and two years later one hundred and forty-one were reported as being at that port ready to embark for Canada.

Selectmen at first were ordered to bind out the children where places could be found for them and one may easily imagine the terrible family separations that must have occurred. One aged man, whose petition is on file in the archives at the State House, stated that his hands and feet were tied by the town officials and he was nearly strangled to prevent him from running after and calling out to his children who were carried away. Finally numerous petitions from the Acadians resulted in the repeal of this order.

Boston, being the most natural port at which to disembark those assigned to the Province, for a time was obliged to support a large number, and ere long petitions were presented to the Governor by the inhabitants, deprecating their presence and especially the fact of their being quartered in the town in such large numbers. One petition continues: "The receiving among us of so great a number of persons whose gross bigotry to the Roman Catholic religion is notorious and whose loyalty to his Majesty is suspected, is a thing very disagreeable to us." Finally, in August, 1756, the committee on the Acadian French reported to the Governor and Council that there were eighty-four persons then in Boston under the care of the overseers of the poor and recommended that they be distributed among several towns afterwards named and that the selectmen of those towns be ordered to procure work for them or, should they be unable to work, to support them as if they were "proper inhabitants" of the town and send their bill of charges to the office of the Secretary. Among the number thus distributed was Michael Dugoy who, with his wife and five children, was sent to the town of Topsfield. Numerous reports and papers re-

lating to this family are preserved in the archives and from them it is possible to picture in outline the life of this family of Acadians while resident in Topsfield, which no doubt may also answer as well for other towns in Essex County.

It was the latter part of October in 1756, nearly a year after the Dugoy family had landed in Boston, that Nathaniel Porter and Thomas Baker, selectmen of Topsfield, sent a yeoman to Boston to transport the French family to town in accordance with the order of the Province. For this service £2. 13s. 4d. was charged, but the committee of accounts deemed the amount exorbitant and disallowed the 13s. 4d. On receiving notice from Boston that a French family had been allotted to Topsfield, the selectmen engaged John Gould to provide a house for them. He went to David Balch, who was a tanner, and rented of him at 4s. 8d. per month, the old William Towne house, then over 100 years old. The house long since has disappeared. It formerly stood beside what is now South Main street and near the lone apple tree by the bars in the field belonging to William H. Walsh. Several times the present owner of the land has plowed up bricks upon the spot and a few years ago he uncovered anew the old chimney foundation. The house was built in 1651 and here lived, at various times, three victims of the witchcraft delusion, Rebecca, Mary, and Sarah, daughters of William Towne. Rebecca married Francis Nurse. Mary, "the self forgetful", married Isaac Esty, and her sister Sarah married for her second husband, Peter Cloyes. To this house the Acadians were carried and at a town meeting held November 9th, Jacob Robinson was chosen to take care of them. On their arrival, the selectmen served them with scanty supplies, "eight feet of wood cut & carried to their house, 8s.; a Bushel of Indian meal, 3s.; a cheese w^t 10 pounds, 2s. 8d.; four pound halfe of Salt pork, 1s. 11d.; 11 1-2lb. lamb, 1s. 9d.; 1-2 bushel Rie meal, 1s. 10d. and bushel Potatoes 1s. 1d.;" This, according to the voucher on file, together with one bushel of meal and a quart of rum furnished at the beginning by John Gould, was supposed to supply their needs until November 10th, or for twenty days after they had arrived in town. A bedstead and cord were not charged on their account until the following month. Probably the children slept on the floor.

The following spring the selectmen certified regarding the family as follows: "The man is 43 years of age, his state of health sence he came to This towne has been such that he has not been able to Labour but a vary little and for some time past he [has] not been able to Labour any att all. His wife [Elizabeth], as she saith, is about ye age of her husband. She has had Several ill Turns which has held Som time but She is Something better att present. They have two male children, ye Eldest [Armont] is 13 years of age Last April, ye youngest [Joseph] is 5 years of age, the females are ye eldest [Mary] 10 years, 2nd is [Modesty] 7, the 3rd [Annie] is 3 years of Age it being the best Account we can git as to their Age."

Jacob Robinson, during the first half year, supplied them with many articles, notably, meal, "biskit," wood, sugar, pork, rum, veal, dry fish, molasses, butter, rice, fowls, candles, beef, mutton, salt, "oyle," milk, a bedstead & cord, a lamp, 2 meat barrells, 2 pairs small shoes at 1s. each, sheets, a spinning wheel, an earthen pot, 2 bread pans, 2 pounds of flour, turnips, a wash tub and 2 barrels of "cyder," that necessity of New England life. There was also a charge for medical attendance and an item of expense for purchasing and transporting provisions, which probably went into Jacob Robinson's pocket, for no other charge appears for service rendered. David Balch, the landlord, also supplied cow-beef and butter.

The first article in the warrant for a town meeting held June 28, 1757, reads as follows: "To Consider and come in-to some proper Measures for taking care of the French family in said Town and to act any thing the Town shall think proper respecting sd family Being provided for." The question was discussed without result for no action is recorded. Jacob Robinson's next quarterly bill has supplies as enumerated before, also a pair of cards for carding wool, additional visits by the Doctor, and nine pints of rum. David Balch in the mean time advanced the rent to 5s. per month.

In November 1757, the selectmen wrote that "the sd frenchman still continues in a vary poor State of health, he has not been able to Do one days work for eight months past." A town meeting held the same month took no ac-

tion on the following article inserted in the warrant: "To see what measures the Town will Come into for to have the french family in said Town supported under their Difficult Surcomstances."

John Balch now appears in charge of the family and among other items in his account is noted, a bed blanket, for it was in December, 9 yards of cloth for a bedtick, a new coverlet, a new sieve, 4 pairs of shoes, an earthen pitcher, and beef "sewit." Possibly the family had adopted New England customs in a measure and proposed to use the beef "sewit" in the manufacture of mince pies for Thanksgiving, the bill covering the month of November.

John Lefavour soon followed John Balch and remained in charge of the family for two years. His bills contained items similar to those already enumerated. On one luxurious occasion he supplied "a dung hill fowl." At another time the family dined on a "calfs head & plock." Green fish, ginger bread, an oil barrel to make wash tubs, wine for the sick man, 3 pairs of shoes for the girls, and a beer barrel, are among the items. During the month of July they were supplied with 62 quarts of milk. Jan. 4, 1759, the selectmen again make report to the authorities:—"Michael Dugoy the man himselfe is now very weak and poorly and hath been so for a year and halfe and is obliged to keep his bed for some time together very often."

As must be expected the doctors services were in frequent requisition. Dr. Richard Dexter was the local physician and lived on what is now known as "The Agricultural Farm," in the present house and near where the Dugoy family were housed. In 1759, poor Michael Dugoy had charged on his account, 13 professional visits, "Hystarick pills & powders," 3 purges, "Stumatick mixer," blisters, and "purgatine powders," all being supplied for the magnificent sum of 18s. But Dr. Dexter was not permitted to possess a monopoly of the business of healing Acadian French, for Dr. Sawyer was called in from Ipswich, and in John Lefavor's account for the quarter ending March 1st appears the following item. "To the French Doctors bill for Doctoring the french family, £1. 4. 0." Where this French physician resided does not appear.

After living in Topsfield for nearly four years, Dugoy was allowed to remove to Newbury, where two families of Acadians were already located. In a bill rendered to the Committee of Accounts, Sept. 1, 1760, appears the following item: "To Time spent to Settle & Come into meassures with Middleton for to have the French family Supported that was Signed to Topsfield and Middleton & by reason of there Sickness we have been obliged to Transport ye whole of ye family to Newbury and we pay money there for their support at ye rate of £26-13-4 per year." It will be noted that the transfer was made to Newbury because of continued sickness. Possibly the French physician may have lived there. At any rate, association with others of their race was medicine for these homesick exiles. The transfer was made Aug. 6, 1760 and regularly thereafter, every quarter until April, 1767, the town treasurer contributed to their support in their new location.

In 1767, the Massachusetts Legislature enacted a law empowering towns to remove by constables, any persons not natives, who were undesirable as residents. Such persons were to be conveyed by the constable of the town to that official in the next town and so on until the town was reached where the individual belonged. It would seem that some construction of this enactment was made to apply to the Acadian French, for many of them began to leave for the land of their birth. The three families located at Newbury, thirty persons in all, petitioned the town to be allowed to return to Canada. The petition, most pathetically worded, was granted and the exiles were furnished with money and supplies. Topsfield at a town meeting held April 24, 1767, "voted to give the French family (that was assigned to Topsfield and Middleton to Maintain) Thirty two Dollars to pay their passage to Canada and Support them on their voyage." And so the Frenchman with his family sailed away, not to his old home on the Basin of Minas, for that was occupied by others, but to a new location in Claire, to the westward of the former settlement. Topsfield, first and last, had paid £185. 11. 9 on their account.

JUSTIN ALLEN, M. D.

BY GEORGE FRANCIS DOW.

When a good man dies it is sometimes said, "He was beloved by all." But usually at such times there are mental reservations or faint notes in the general hymn of praise. With Doctor Allen, however, there can be no equivocal expression. He died respected and beloved by every man, woman and child in this community and the tidings of his death brought the tear or caught the heart beat of scores of friends and former patients living without the bounds of Topsfield. None of his blood stood at the bedside to close the weary eyelids, for he had lived alone and left no near relations, but the hands of friends ministered to him in his sickness and soothed his dying moments and the whole town paid respect to the memory of a good man gone before.

Justin Allen was born in Hamilton, Mass., on September 29, 1826. He was the son of Ezekiel and Sally (Roberts) Allen and was descended from a good New England ancestry. His grandfathers, both paternal and maternal, did honorable service, one or the other of them, in the campaigns of Bunker Hill, Rhode Island, Long Island, Saratoga and other fields in the Revolutionary war. The foundations of his education were laid in the common schools of his native town. In 1845 and 1846 he was a student at Williston Seminary, East Hampton, Mass. The following year was spent at Rockingham Academy, Hampton Falls, N. H. and at

Hampton Academy. The next year he returned to Williston Seminary and the years of 1849 and 1850 saw him again at Hampton Academy. Entering Dartmouth College he left in the spring of 1851 and continued his studies at Brown University where he was graduated in 1852 with the A. B. degree. Having elected to follow the practice of medicine he studied with his brother D. S. Allen, M. D. for the two following years and attended lectures at the Berkshire Medical Institute. In 1855 he was attending lectures in Boston at the Tremont Medical School and the following year he was graduated M. D. from the Medical department of Harvard University.

In June, 1857, Doctor Allen came to Topsfield and began the practice of medicine. It is said that his first patient was Wm. Pitman Gould, then under three years of age. He had been preceded in town in the medical practice, by Doctor David Choate who removed that year to Salem after having lived here three years. Dr. Royal A. Merriam also lived here and followed the profession of healing, for Topsfield, Boxford, Linebrook and Middleton, supplied a field extensive enough to demand the services of two practitioners; yet from 1862 to 1892 this territory depended almost exclusively upon the professional skill of Doctor Allen. And he was faithful to this trust. In 1879, with the exception of a week at the Centennial Exposition in 1876 and a few hurried trips of not over two days absence each, he had been at his post daily for the space of twenty-two years. Fifteen years later he had relinquished the more laborious duties of his profession and had enjoyed to a fuller extent the pleasures of travel, but almost to the day of his death he gave friendly advice to those who had leaned upon him for nearly a half century. Charity also brought to him the poor and the unfortunate. The many errands of mercy that were unrecorded on the pages of his charge book will never be known. His quiet benefactions in money must have aggregated a considerable sum, and more than one pensioner was dependent in part upon his bounty.

Public office attracted him but little, although he always retained a deep interest in public affairs and in state and national politics. Earnest convictions upon the temperance

question lead him to affiliate himself with the Prohibition Party and on one occasion he accepted its nomination for State Senator from this district. In 1865 he served as superintendent of schools and ten years later he served for one year as a member of the School Committee. To the Town Library, however, he gave most painstaking service. He helped to organize the Library in 1874 and served on the Board of Trustees from that time until the day of his death and for the greater part of the time was chairman of the Board. The duty of selecting the books to be added to the library also largely devolved upon him and the permanent worth and excellence of the volumes upon its shelves are a monument to his affectionate care. Through a bequest of one thousand dollars, the income to be applied to the purchase of historical or biographical works, his influence will continue to be exerted for the good of the community where he spent the best years of his life.

In 1894 his interest in historical studies caused him to aid in organizing the Topsfield Historical Society. He was then elected its President and thereafter, until his death, annually reelected. He was always most constant in attendance and deeply interested in its welfare. The following resolutions prepared by the writer and adopted by the society after the doctor's death epitomize his character and mental qualities:—"Resolved, That in the death of Justin Allen, M. D. the President of the Topsfield Historical Society since its organization in 1894, his associates have lost a most valued member, whose personal qualities and private virtues have entitled him to their respect and esteem. His strict allegiance to duty, the uniform conscientiousness which regulated his conduct, and his thoughtful consideration for the rights and happiness of others, must ever serve as an example to those who knew him. Tranquil, content, philosophic, useful: his life flowed in a quiet current. His reticence was a rebuke to the general loquacity; his reserve, to the popular love of display. He was respected by the entire community which he had served for over fifty years. Would that there were more like him!

FAMILY RECORDS—GOULD, PERLEY, ETC.

Genealogical data from the note-book of Simon Gould of Topsfield, lately in possession of Chas. P. Adams of Somerville. The following items are in his handwriting:—

wee was married october the ninth 1740.

and moses Gould was born the 21 Day of July 1741.

Hannah Gould was Born the 9 Day of June 1744.

Jean Gould was Born on the 30 Day of July 1746.

Lucy Gould was Born on the 27 Day of may 1749.

Huldah Gould was born on The 7^h of June 1752.

Simon Gould Jun^r was Born the 8th Day of November 1755.

Elijah Gould was Born on The 27th of february, 1758.

Moses Gould Died September the 2 Day 1763.

my wife *Did Die the Second Day of September in the year 1793 and in the Seventy ninth year of her age.

Brother Jacob Died in the 85 year of his age.

Brother Thomas Gould Died the Second Day of february 1771 and in the Sixty ninth year of his age.

Sister Marcy Page Died on monday the 31 Day of october 1785 and in the 73 year of her age.

Items evidently in his son Simon's handwriting:—

My father† died the third day of January in the year 1803 aged in his 94 year of his age.

Topsfield June 1787 when this house was raised Simon Gould Jun^r was married to Sally White February 19th 1788.

Moses Gould was Born November 22th 1788 on Saterdag at 10 oClock in the four noon.

Oliver Gould was Born Apriel 5th 1790 at midnight.

Oliver Gould was Born December 21th 1795 on monday Evening at 8 oClock.

Nov. 25th 1822 then Sister Hannah Gould died on monday at Eleven oClock in the forenoon and in her 79 year.

*Jane Gould.

†Simon Gould.

Sister Lucy Perkins Died May the 8th 1822 aged 73.

first Oliver Gould died June 29th 1795.

Second Oliver Gould Died August 11th 1796, at 7 oClock.

Haffield Gould was Born October 8th 1797 on Sunday Morning at half after 4 oclock.

Sally Gould Born may 26th 1800 at Six oClock after Noon.

Samuel White Gould was Born January 8th 1803 on Saturday morning at 8 oClock.

Elijah Gould was Born on thirsday the 19th September in the after noon at 4 oclock 1805.

Thorndick Osgood Gould was Born on Thursday morning the 19th of May 1808 about half after twelve oClock.

Mehebel Gould was born the Second day of October 1801.

Ant Elizabeth Gould died November 5th 1821.

Brother Jacob Andrews died Jan^{ry} 10th 1811.

Salley Gould married Jesse Perley jun^r June 18, 1824.

Brother Kimball died March 1817.

Brother Perkins died Jan. 31th 1825 in 83 year of his age.

Sister Huldah Kimball died July 20th 1827.

Moses Gould died January 14th 1829.

Items in the handwriting of his grand-daughter Sally:—

Father died December 29th 1831 aged 76.

Mother died June 12th 1834 aged 69.

Jane Andrews died Feb. 24 1837 aged 91.

Elijah Gould died october 12th 1840 aged 83.

his wife Dolly died Aug. 21st 1840 aged 75.

Haffield Gould died Dec^r 29th 1841 aged 44.

Jesse Perley died Nov. 19th 1851 aged 54.

Elizabeth W. Perley born Wed Sept. 8th 1825.

Sarah J. Perley born Sept. 9th 1829.

Edward P. Perley born Nov. 10th 1836.

The following items are in pencil, and were entered probably by Sally's daughter, Sarah J. Perley:—

Sarah J. Perley Married March 11 1855.

Mother died Dec. 29 1857 aged 57.

VITAL STATISTICS OF TOPSFIELD, MASS.

FOR THE YEAR 1908.

BIRTHS.

1908.

- Jan. 29. Antonio Russi, son of Leonardo and Florence (LeCaporal) Russi.
Mar. 3. Donald Melvin, son of Melvin W. and Bessie (Welch) Smerage.
Mar. 19. Helen Cecile, dau. of Daniel J. and Katherine L. (Gibney) Kerrigan.
Apr. 24. James Albion, son of John R. and Marion E. (Averill) Gould.
Apr. 25. Mary Agnes, dau. of Joseph and Katherine M. (Carroll) Spires.
Apr. 30. Garfield Elliott, son of Albert F. and Adaline I. (Bailey) Farmer.
May 10. Mary Lucy, dau. of Thomas L. and Lucy M. (Garbutt) Jenkins.
May 14. Joseph Harland, son of Hiram L. and Mary L. (Murphy) Clay.
May 16. — Perkins, dau. of Arthur F. and Leonie E. (Cruchet) Perkins.
June 13. Eleanor Pearl, dau. of Leslie L. and Isabelle P. (Smerage) Ingalls.
July 23. Muriel Elizabeth, dau. of Eugene M. and Daisy L. (Dow) Dow.
Aug. 30. John Emerson, son of Thomas J. and Florence A. (Pierce) Luxton.
Sept. 16. Ernest Everett, son of Frank L. and Mary J. (Conner) Gilliland.
Oct. 17. Harold Benjamin, son of Merritt L. and Ida B. G. (Nelson) Hobson.
Nov. 2. James Edward, son of John J. and Catherine (Donnelly) Goodwin.
Nov. 14. Bruce Pitman, son of Fred C. and Jessie M. (Killam) Burnham.
Dec. 24. Charlie, son of Angelo and Domenica (Rossi) Rossi.

MARRIAGES.

- 1908.
- Feb. 12. { John W. Fuller (Topsfield), son of Timothy and Lydia M. (Peabody) Fuller.
Florence M. Derry (Danvers), dau. of Fred J. and Florence (Gould) Derry.
- April 9. { Fred C. Burnham (Topsfield), son of George W. and Anna B. (Pitman) Burnham.
Jessie M. Killam (Boxford), dau. of Frank W. and Elizabeth (Graves) Killam.
- April 19. { George P. Davison (Topsfield), son of Albert H. and Josie (Tinkham) Davison.
Sarah McNulty (Gloucester), dau. of John and Mary A. (Webber) McNulty.
- June 18. { Henry M. Andrews (Topsfield), son of Elisha P. and Abigail C. (Foster) Andrews.
Hattie (Dinsmore) Mathewson (Marblehead), dau. of James and Harriet (Smethurst) Dinsmore.
- July 1. { Henry Follansbee Long (Topsfield), son of Ira P. and Harriet L. (Follansbee) Long.
Margaret Pingree (Topsfield), dau. of William H. L. and Margaret C. (Bryant) Pingree.
- Aug. 12. { Evan Gage Hall, (Topsfield), son of Edgar A. and Martha A. (Marston) Hall.
Marian Conley (Topsfield), dau. of Samuel and Ruth P. (Lake) Conley.
- June 11. { LeRoy Nelson Chambers (Providence), son of William and Helen (Chambers) Chambers.
Lillian Blanche Taylor (Topsfield), dau. of William B. and Annie (Millard) Taylor.
- Oct. 22. { Arthur Wyman Pace (Topsfield), son of Albert W. and Ellen M. (Perkins) Pace.
Annie M. Muchmore (Portsmouth), dau. of Frank W. and Martha (Kendrick) Muchmore.
- Oct. 28. { Albert S. Lane (Topsfield), son of Albert and Mary A. (Welch) Lane.
Lennie G. (Perley) Hussey (Topsfield), dau. of John F. and Louisa A. (Whitaker) Perley.
- Oct. 28. { Albert W. Bowman (Chelsea), son of Herbert and Mary C. (Burgess) Bowman.
Ann Louise Kelly (Winthrop), dau. of William E. and Annie E. (Cole) Kelly.
- Nov. 17. { Ernest Harvey Pentecost (London, Eng.), son of Richard and Mary (Harvey) Pentecost.
Marion Wentworth Peirce (Topsfield), dau. of Thomas W. and Cornelia C. (Cook) Peirce.

DEATHS.

1908.

- Jan. 11. Marshall Chamberlain, son of James O. and Betsey (Hill) Chamberlain, aged 74 yrs., 9 mos., 4 days.
- Mar. 3. Amanda Sayward, widow of Andrew Geyer and dau. of Epes and Mary A. (Storey) Sayward, aged 70 yrs., 7 mos.
- May 16. — Perkins, dau. of Arthur F. and Leonie A. (Cruchet) Perkins.
- July 17. Martha Ann, widow of Elisha Glidden and dau. of Samuel and Emily (Taggart) Galbraith, aged 82 yrs., 9 mos., 28 dys.
- Aug. 3. Abigail C., widow of Elisha P. Andrews, and dau. of Jonathan and Cynthia (Andrews) Foster, aged 82 yrs., 3 mos., 8 dys.
- Aug. 5. Zepherin Paquet, son of John and Margaret (Knowles) Paquet, aged 68 yrs.
- Aug. 31. Mary Ann, widow of Sewell L. Towne and dau. of George W. and Mary (Pike) Severance, aged 90 yrs., 1 mo., 13 dys.
- Sept. 3. Loring A. Rust, son of Warren and Elizabeth H. (Wildes) Rust, aged 62 yrs., 9 mos., 26 dys.
- Sept. 12. Pelletia Harmon Foss, son of Robert and Rosanna (Harmon) Foss, aged 81 yrs., 7 mos., 11 dys.
- Oct. 17. Eliza E., wife of Everett C. Taylor and dau. of John and Sarah (Phillips) Smith, aged 55 yrs., 10 mos., 8 dys.
- Nov. 5. Justin Allen, son of Ezekiel and Sallie (Roberts) Allen, aged 82 yrs., 1 mo., 6 dys.
- Dec. 22. Lillie Ester, wife of William H. Andrews, aged 60 yrs., 4 mos., 26 dys.

Deaths in other places, Interment in Topsfield.

1908.

- Jan. 4. Lucy D. Holmes, died in Salem, Mass., aged 66 yrs., 4 mos., 15 dys.
- Feb. 3. Francis Williams, died in Danvers, Mass., aged 73 yrs.
- Feb. 18. Salmon D. Hood, died in Haverhill, Mass., aged 78 yrs., 1 day.
- Feb. 29. Benjamin A. Orne, died in Boston, Mass., aged 76 yrs., 1 mo., 4 dys.
- July 9. Robert Gordon Thompson, died in Salem, Mass., aged 13 yrs., 8 mos. 10 dys.
- July 23. Susan C. Haven, died in Montezuma, N. Y., aged 51 yrs.
- Oct. 14. Charles A. Foster, died in Foxboro, Mass., aged 73 yrs.
- Nov. 15. Francis F. Lefavour, died in Danvers, Mass., aged 66 yrs.
- Nov. 18. George W. Perkins, died in Ogden, Utah, aged 48 yrs., 10 mos., 16 dys.
- Nov. 18. Farizina P. Clifford, died in Wenham, Mass., aged 56 yrs., 2 dys.
- Dec. 23. Fred Smerage, died in Littleton, N. H., aged 57 yrs., 6 mos.

CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS IN TOPSFIELD IN 1908.

1908.

- Jan. 3. Farmers were ploughing in their fields.
 Jan. 28. Post office burglarized.
 June 17. W. J. B. McDougald of Rockland, Maine, elected Principal of the High School.
 June. Railroad trains began to run on Sunday.
 July 5. The Balch-Downes-Libby barn on River Street, destroyed by fire.
 Nov. 5. Died. Justin Allen, M. D., President of the Topsfield Historical Society and practicing physician in Topsfield for over fifty years. He made the following public bequests: for a Soldier's Monument, \$8000; to the Congregational Church, \$2,000; to the Methodist Church, \$2,000; to the Town Library, \$1,000.
 November. Rev. B. Alfred Dumm of Cambridge, Mass., elected as a permanent supply at the Congregational Church.

BUILDINGS CONSTRUCTED DURING THE YEAR 1908.

- Charles R. Wait, Main St.; dwelling-house.
 John R. Gould, off Main St.; dwelling-house and shed.
 E. Everett Ferguson, High St.; dwelling-house remodelled.
 Willard Emery, Main St.; large addition to dwelling-house.
 George L. Gould, Washington St.; garage.
 George R. Shattuck, Wenham St.; the former Rust house removed across the street and remodelled.

